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CHAPTER 21
THE ANGEL OF KAKEGAWA



UMM
...

WHAT DOES SLICING INTO A HUMAN FEEL LIKE?

IT MAKES A SOUND LIKE CUTTING THROUGH A WET TOWEL.

WELL,

IF YOU STRIKE WELL, YOU FEEL NOTHING.

THE RICE IS TASTY, ISN'T IT?

YES?

SUZU.

YES.

YE ...

HALF A YEAR AFTER THE EXILE OF IRAKO SEIGEN ...

AFFLICTED WITH ANOREXIA,

MIE HAD BECOME SO THIN THAT HER ANUS COULD BE SEEN EVEN WHEN HER LEGS WERE GATHERED.

AFTER SEEING HER OWN BODY REFLECTED IN THE WATER OF THE TUB,

SHE HAD TAKEN TO MERELY WASHING HER BODY IN HER OWN ROOM.

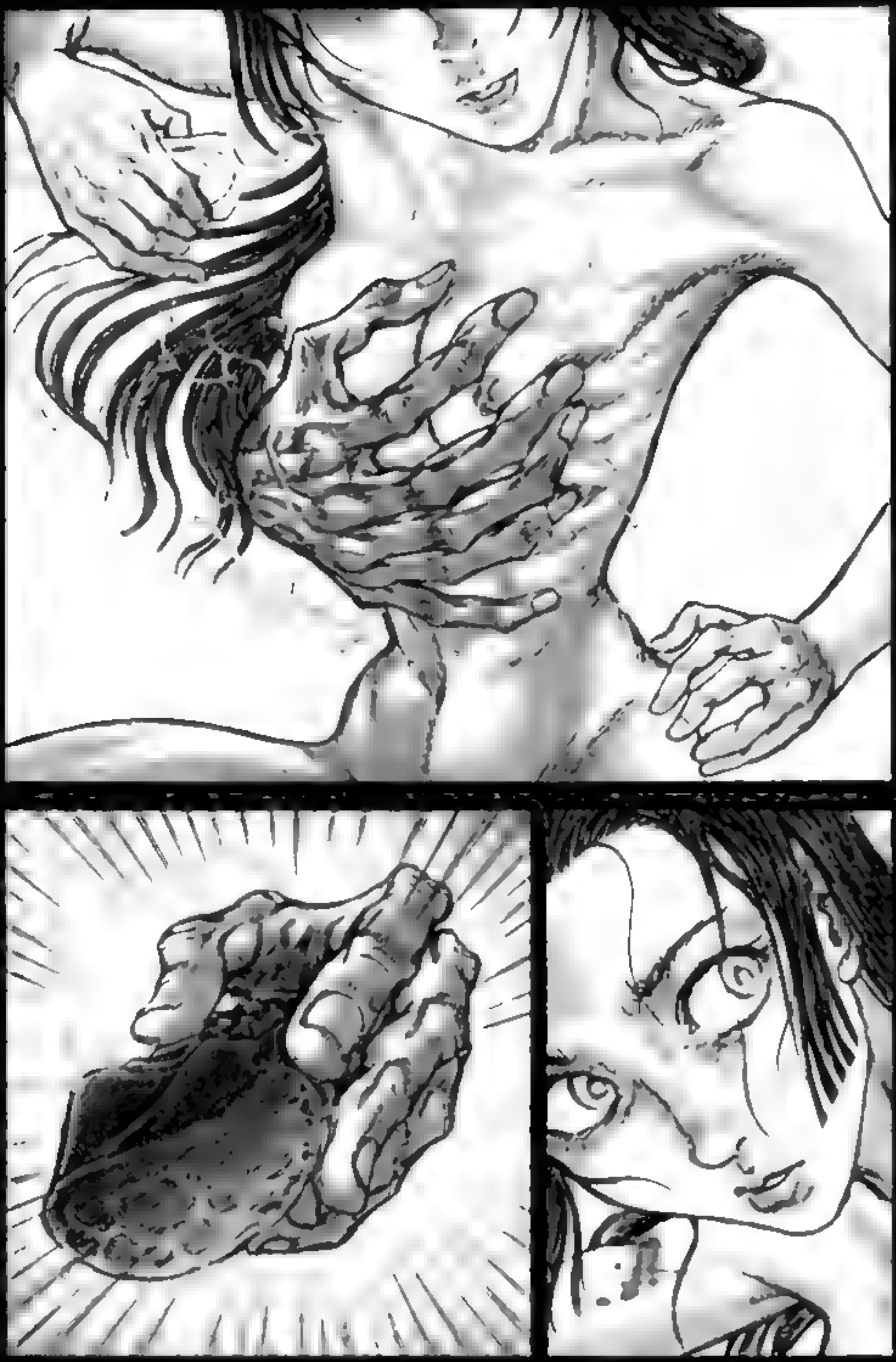
AND SCORED EVEN THE LACQUERED TRAYS WITH DEEP SCRATCHES.

SHE SHATT-ERED EVERY MIRROR IN THE ESTATE,

INSIDE THE DRAWER OF HER DRESSER,

THERE WAS THE PAPER DOLL OF A MAN, A DEEP CUT RUNNING ACROSS ITS FACE.


WHILE
SHE FANNING
HER BODY
SHE
SOMETIMES
FOUND
HERSELF
WISHING
THAT HER
OWN HANDS
WERE THE
HANDS OF
THAT MAN





IT WAS THE LIFE OF A FOUL LEGGED ANIMAL

SEED

SEED

IT WAS HIS FATHER'S ATTEMPT

TO RETURN HER BODY INTO A VESSEL RIPE FOR MATING,

AND READY TO BEAR STRONG YOUNG

THOUGH IN THE END,

HE ENDED UP EATING IT HIMSELF

HER FATHER'S WISHES,

WERE CLEARLY, SURELY, EATING AWAY AT MIE'S MIND

ON THE FIRST NIGHT OF SNOWFALL,

MIE RAN OUT INTO THE STREETS, WEARING ONLY A THIN UNDER-GARMENT FOR COVER

LIKE AN ANGEL FROM THE HEAVENS

THOUGH MIE S BODY WAS BAUNT AS COULD BE

FOR THAT INSTANT SHE SEEMED AS BEAUTIFUL AND ATTRACTIVE AS EVER

HAD BE-
STOWED
UPON HIM
NANACHOU
NENBUTSU
WAS GONE

THE DEMON
BLADE THAT
HIS LORD,
ANDOU
NAOTSUGU,

IT'S
MIE!

I'LL TAKE HER DOWN AND BRING IT BACK

I'LL TAKE HER DOWN









MIE-SAMA

MIE-SAMA ...



"HE-SAMA IS ACTING STRANGE."

HUH?

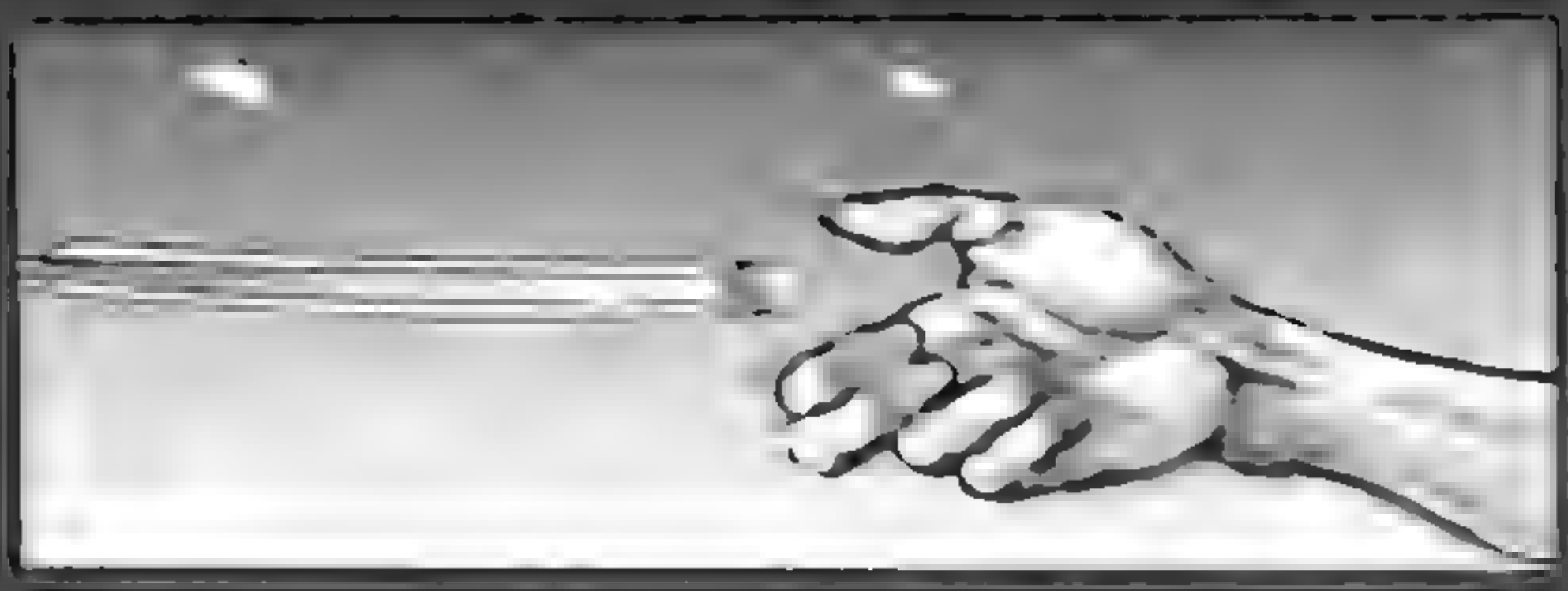
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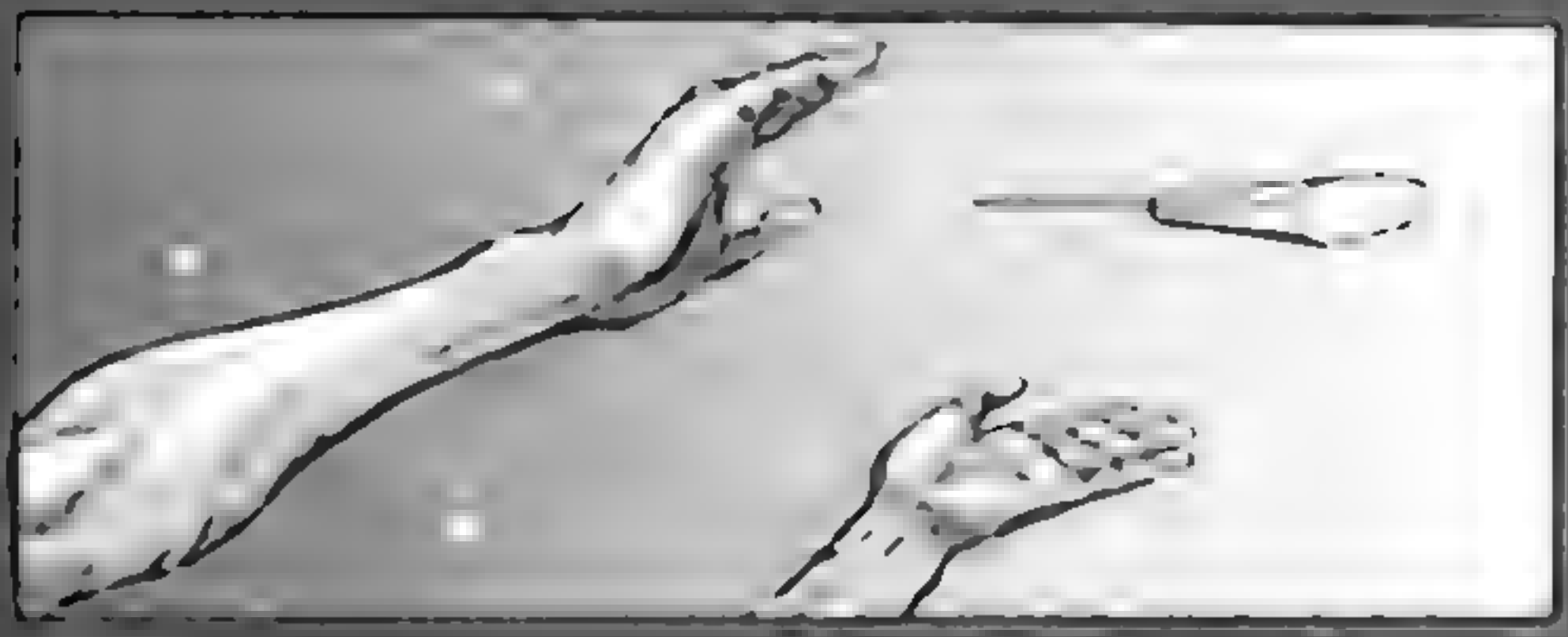

IT'S TOO LATE!
SHE'S ALREADY IN THE MAGIC CIRCLE!












BUT EVEN HAD THAT NOT BEEN THE CASE,


FUJIO.

WHY WOULD MIE-SAMA, A WOMAN, WANT THAT SWORD SO BADLY?

WAS MCE
FACE S
AS GENTL
AND ROUNC
AS IT HAD
ONCE BEEN.


VICTIM OF AN UNKNOWN ASSAILANT, DID MOE'S APPETITE RETURN



CHAPTER 22

FUTAWA

虎狼流指南岩本道

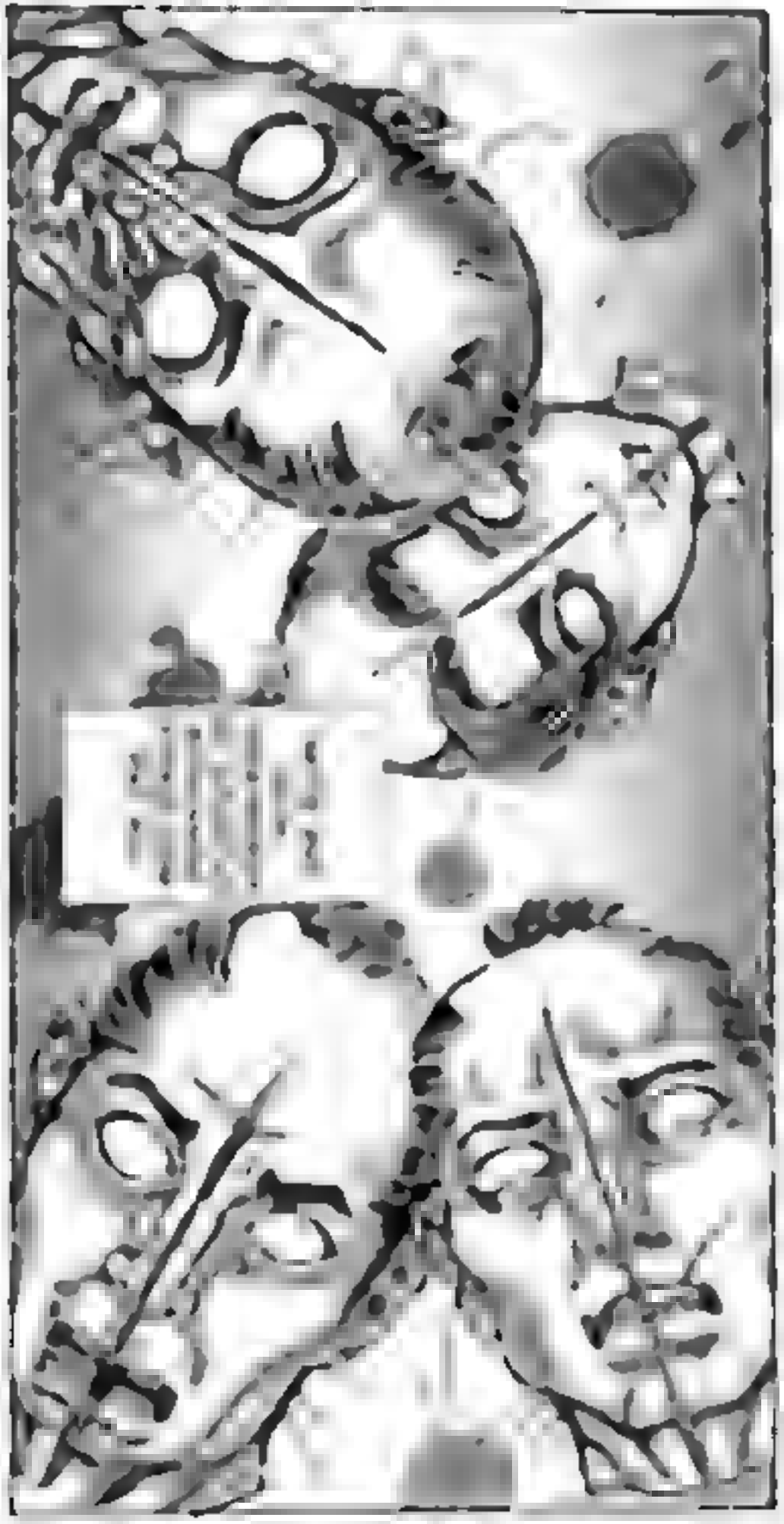
















ENSHUU
KAKEGAWA.



I WON'T BE FOOLED

CONFESS!

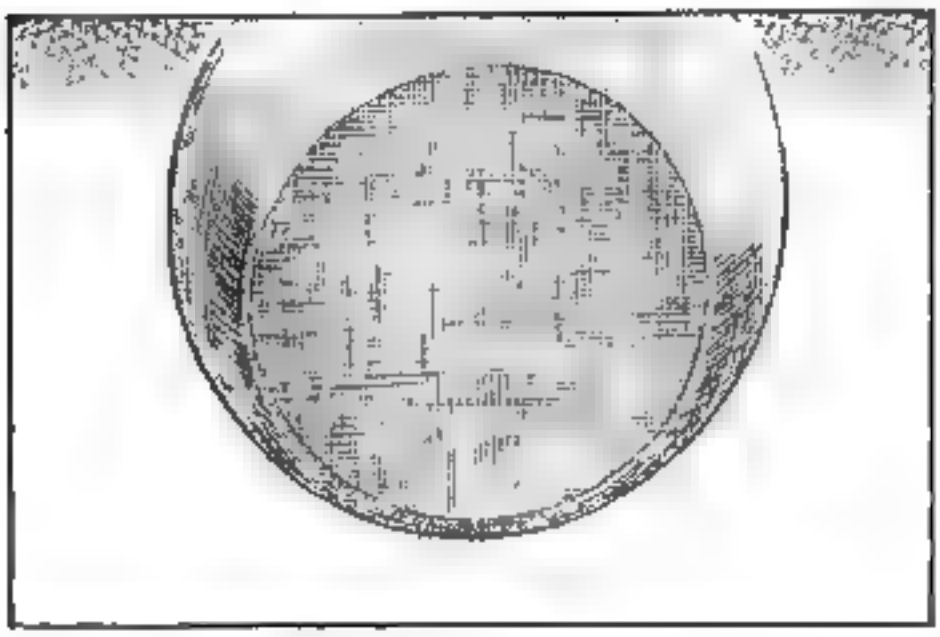
I SWEAR MASTER NEITHER OF US HAS ...

YOU TWO HAVE ALSO SOLD ASIAN ARTS

IN EXCHANGE FOR MONEY

JUST LIKE OKITSU













UPON HEARING OF OKITSU'S BETRAYAL,

HAD INSTANTLY BEEN TRANS-FORMED INTO A WRAITH OF RAGE

HAVING REGAINED CONSCIOUS-NESS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FORTY NINE DAYS,

THIS OLD DEMON

AND SO IT BECAME IMPOSSIBLE

TO EXPLAIN ANYTHING

YOU TWO ARE ALSO THE KENGYOU'S UNDERLINGS!

DO YOU THINK ME BLIND?

THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN'T SAY WITH YOUR MOUTHS

BUT IF YOU TWO ARE TRUE WARRIORS ...

PROVE YOUR INNOCENCE WITH FUTAWA

TOMORROW MORNING

FUTAWA?

WENT TO THE SERVANT MOSUKE AND ORDERED HIM TO BRING A LARGE BOWL OF ARROWROOT GRUEL

ONCE KOGAN ORDERED FUTAWA, GENNOSUKE IN TURN,

WAS THE IWAMOTO CLAN'S SPECIAL LAXATIVE!

INSIDE THIS BOWL OF GRUEL,

AND AFTER A SHORT PERIOD OF MEDITATION

WALKED OUT TO THE LAVATORY

GENNOSUKE DRANK THE CONTENTS OF THE BOWL AT ONCE,


SUPPOSE I
POWERS WOULD
BECOME
COMPLETELY
EMPTY.

THE NEXT MORNING

THE SWORDS

WERE NOT MADE OF WOOD

PROOF THAT HE TOO HAD UNDERTAKEN THE SAME ACTIONS AS GENNOSUKE

GONZA-EMON'S CHEEKS WERE ALSO HOLLOW.

八幡大菩薩
賀茂建

KOGAN-RYUKU, FUTAWA.

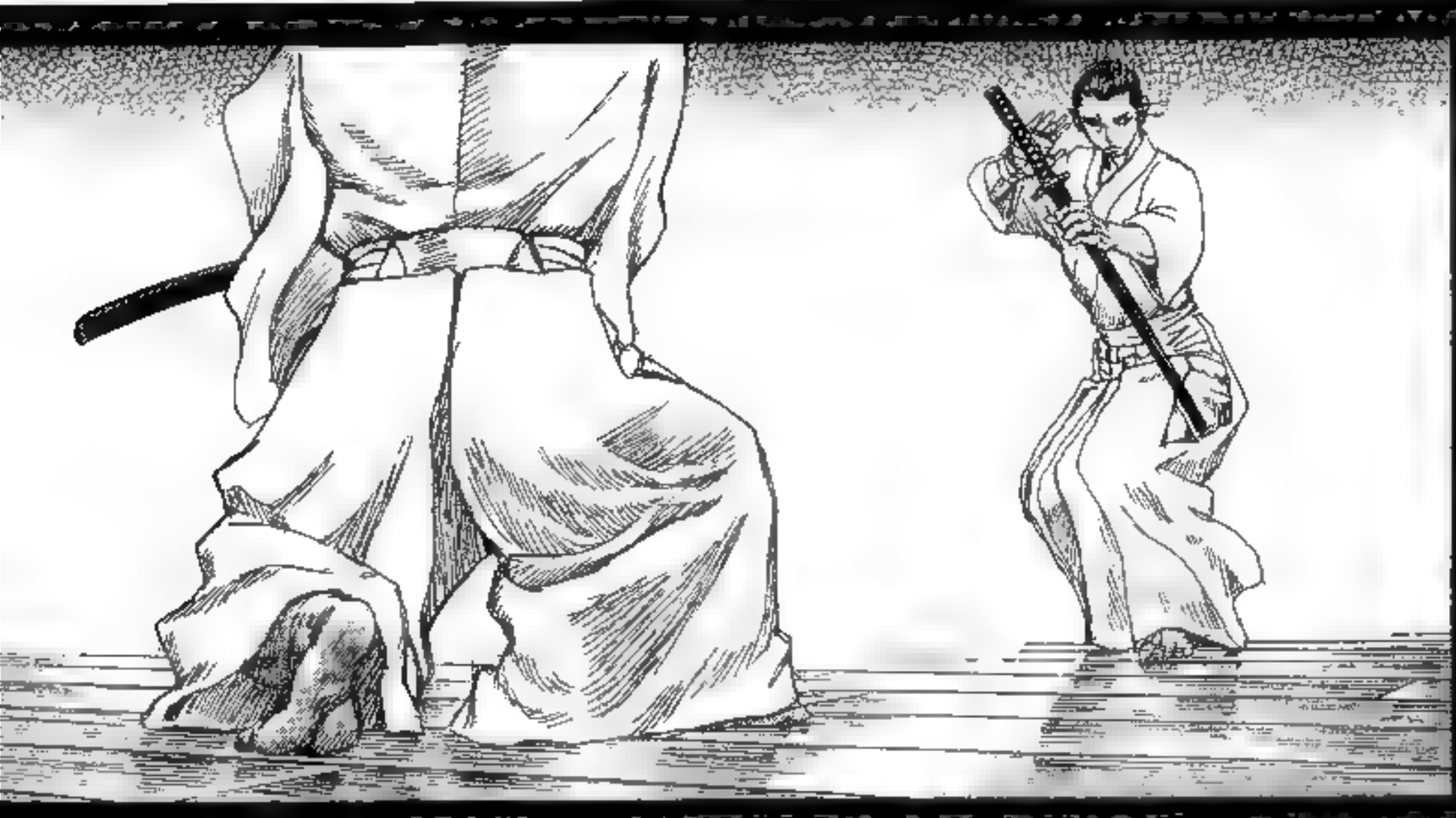
BEGIN!

PERHAPS KOGAN KEPT HIS SWORD IN HAND

BECAUSE HE SUSPECTED HIS OWN PUPILS













OH!

PREPARE!

I WILL BEGIN THE FIRST EVENT.









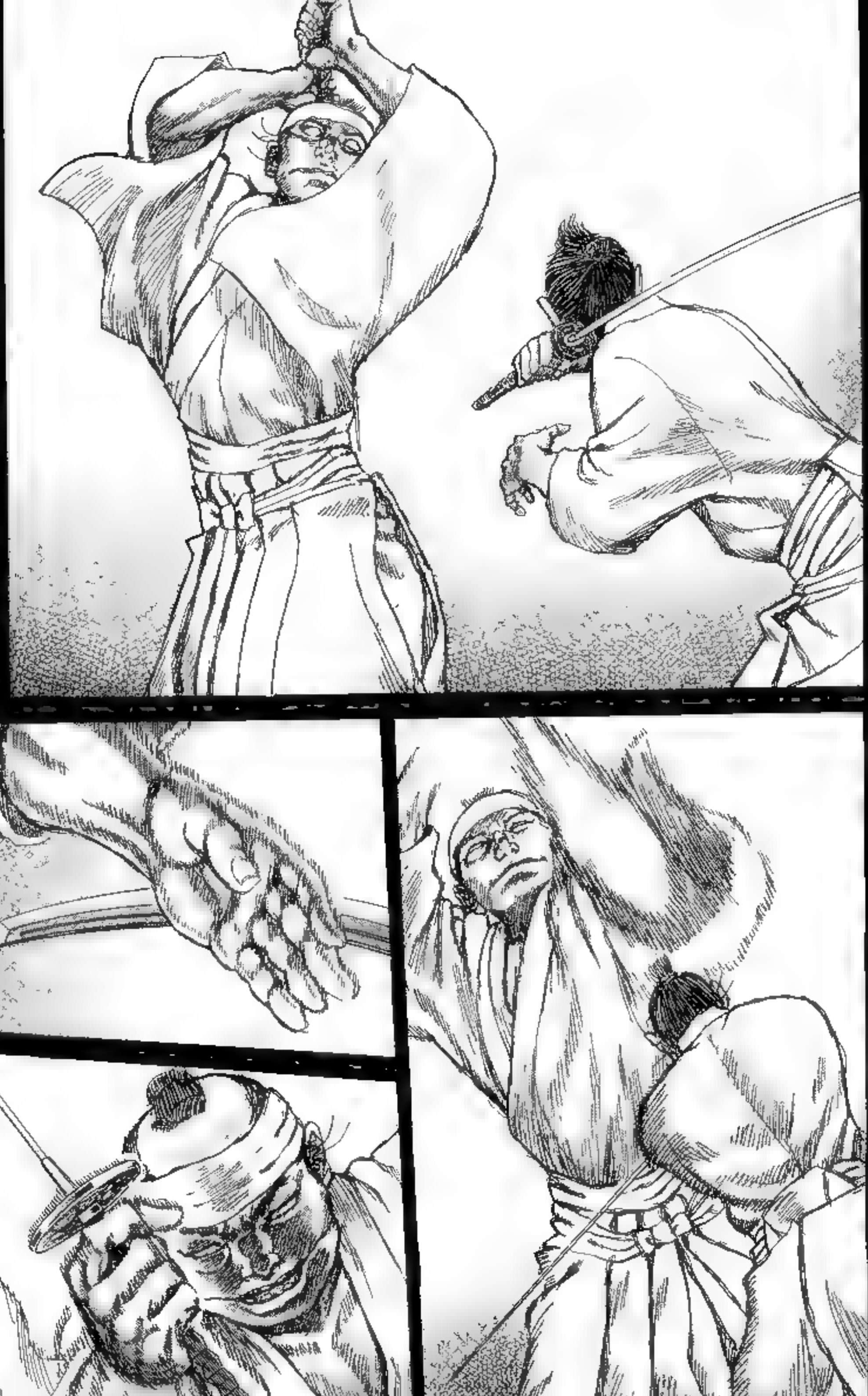


FUTAWA WAS COMPRISED OF

A SERIES OF *KATA.

THE KATA INVOLVED ...

*A CHOREOGRAPHED PATTERN OF MOVEMENT DESIGNED, IN MARTIAL ARTS, TO PRACTICE AND MAINTAIN ONE'S MARTIAL PROWESS.



SECONDI

EXECUTING A SET SERIES OF ATTACKS AND COUNTER-ATTACKS,

MATCHING ONE'S BREATHING WITH THE OTHER.

AND THUS ENGRAVING THE WAYS OF THE SWORD INTO THE BODY

HOWEVER WHEN THIS PRECISE SERIES OF ATTACKS WAS CARRIED OUT

AS FAST AS WAS POSSIBLE,

THE MOR-TALITY RATE

WAS EVEN HIGHER THAN THAT OF DUELS WITH LIVE STEEL

CREATE CIRCLES WITH YOUR SWORDS!

DON'T HESITATE, EVEN FOR A MOMENT!

AND AT THE VERY END

HARSH WITH FATIGUE,

THEIR BREATHING BECAME RAGGED

THE FINAL KATA,

EXECUTED WITH BOTH PARTIC-IPANTS UNABLE TO SEE THE OTHER,

WAS THERE FORE IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP AT THE LAST MOMENT





THESE TWO LOYAL DISCIPLES

HAD PUT THEIR VERY LIVES ON THE LINE IN ORDER TO PLEASE THEIR MASTER

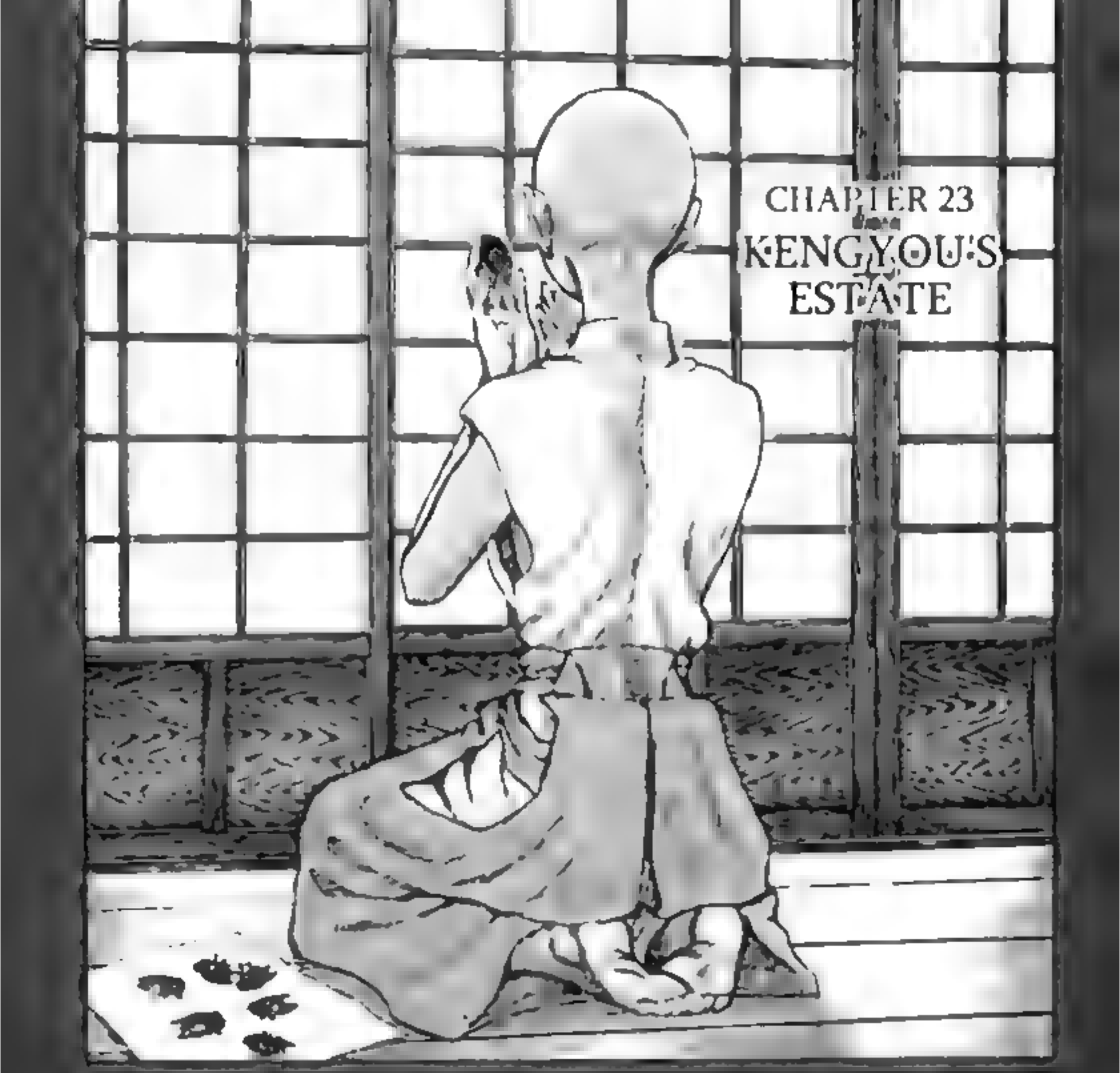
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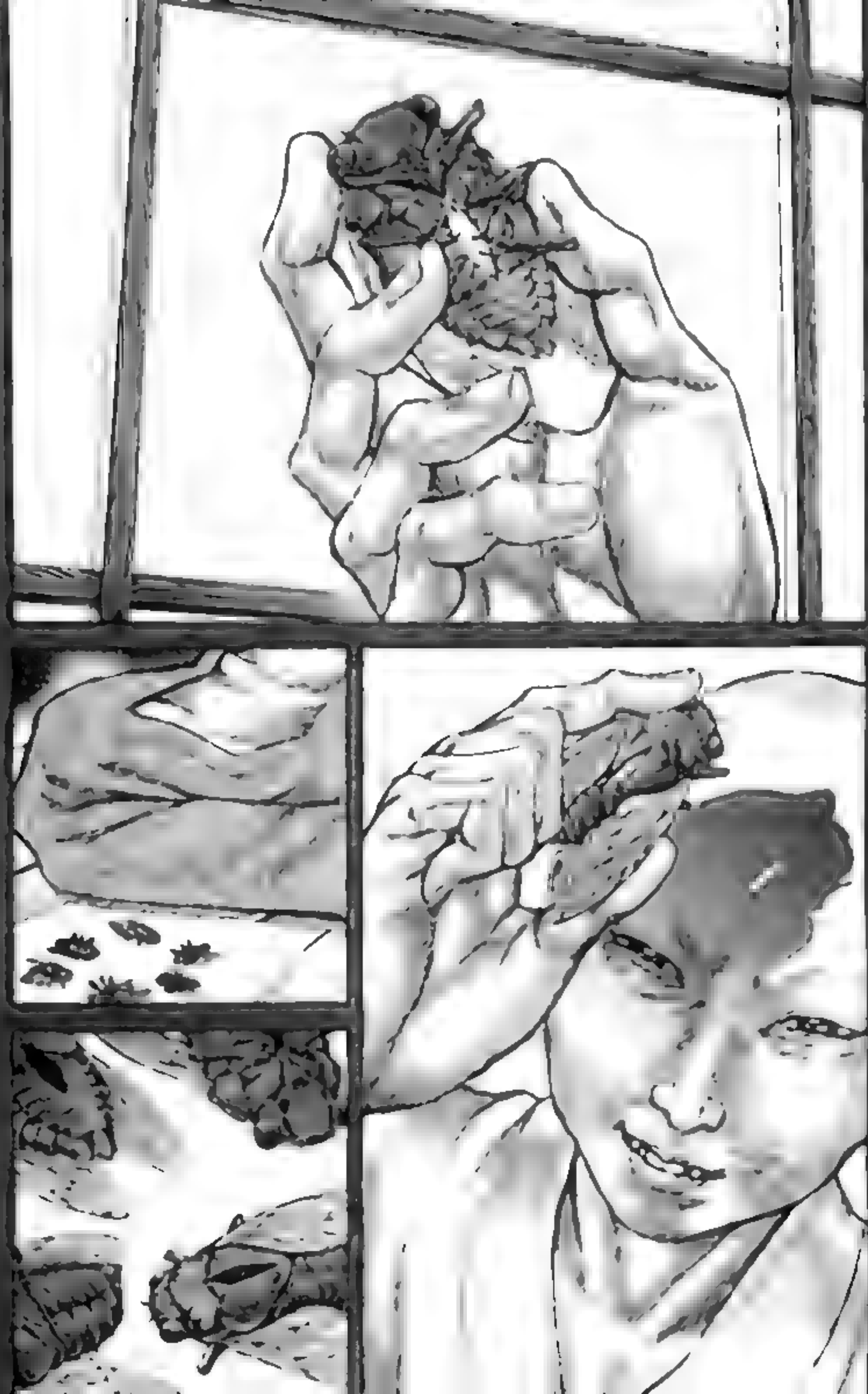
A FELLOW WARRIOR.

THAT
NIGHT

ON THE
SIDE OF
THAT
MAN'S
NOSE
WAS A
MOLE

CHAPTER 23
KENGYOU'S ESTATE





ENSHUU
KAKEGAWA

WERE INVITED TO THE ESTATE OF SHIZUHATA KENGYOU

THE MEN OF KOGAN RYU, KOGAN GONZAEMON, AND GENNOSUKE

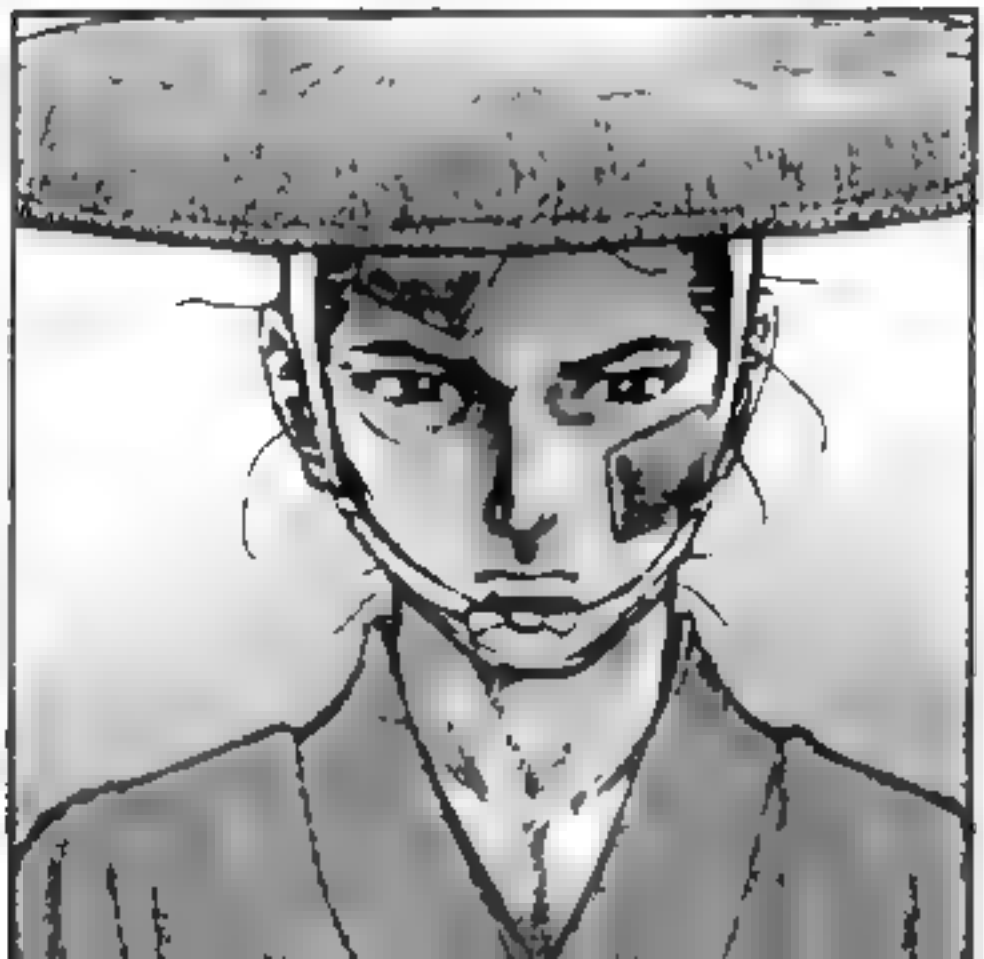
HOWEVER IT WAS SAFE TO SAY THAT SHIZUHATA KENGYOU

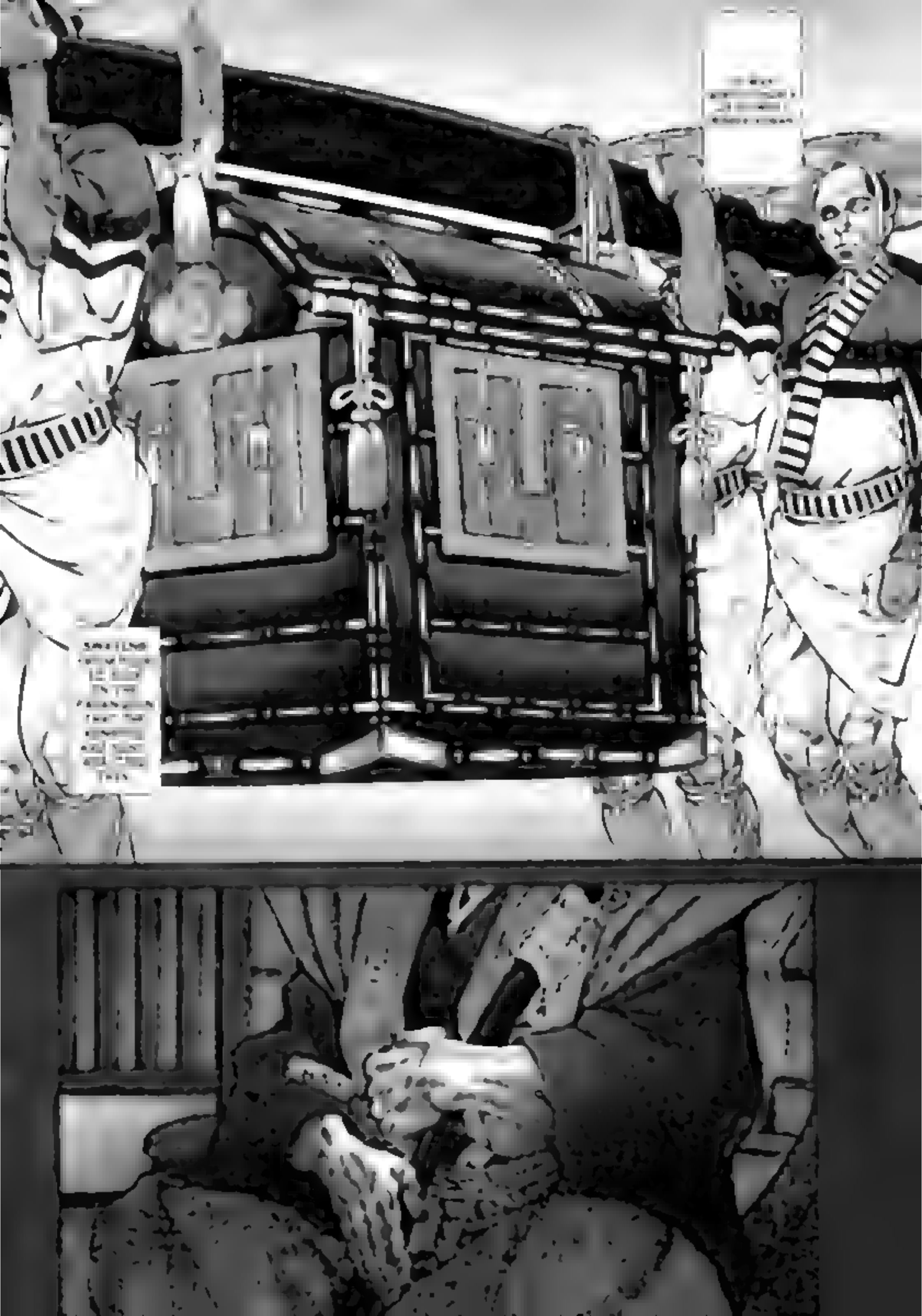
HAD ALLIED WITH IRAKO SEIGEN,

AND WAS THE ONE BEHIND THE DEATHS

OF FIVE FELLOW STUDENTS









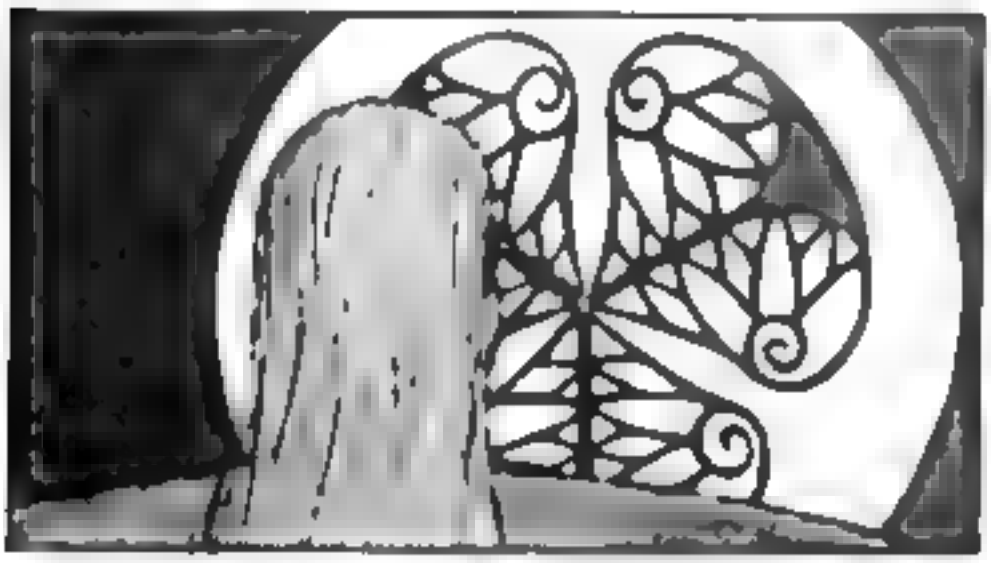
IN THE PAST HE HAD BEEN INVITED TO PLAY THE BIWA BEFORE SHOGUN TOKUGAWA IEYASU

AWARDED WITH AN HONOR FAR BEYOND WHAT HE DESERVED

AND CURRENT DOCTOR TO THE LORD OF SURUGA AND MASTER OF SUNPU CASTLE TOKUGAWA TADANAGA

HE WAS A SKILLED ACUPUNCTURIST

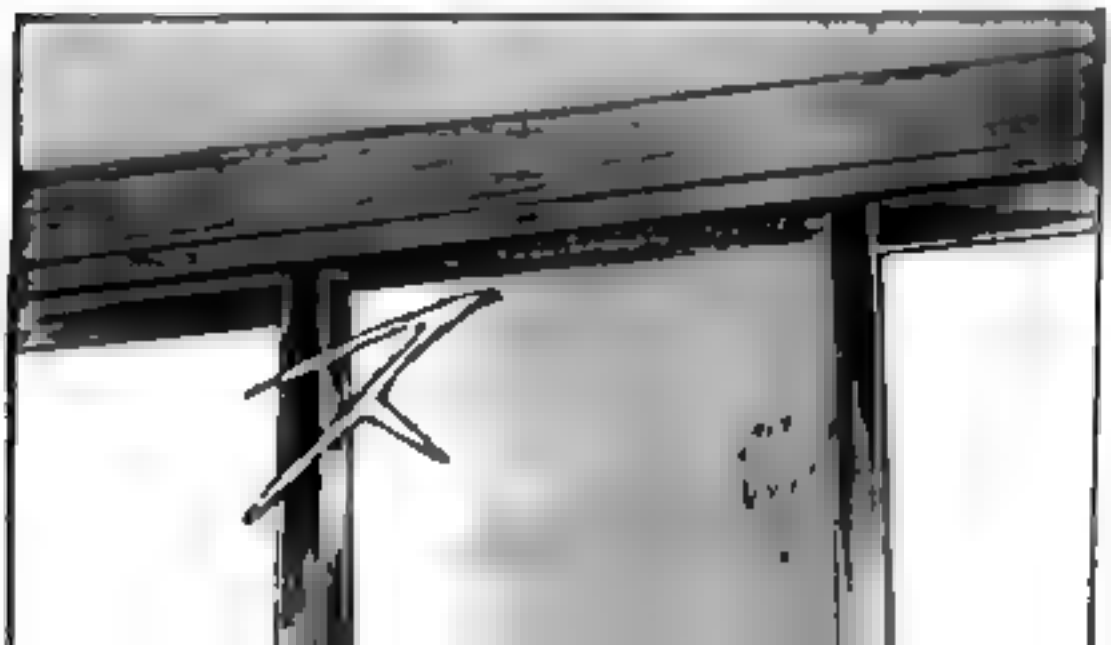




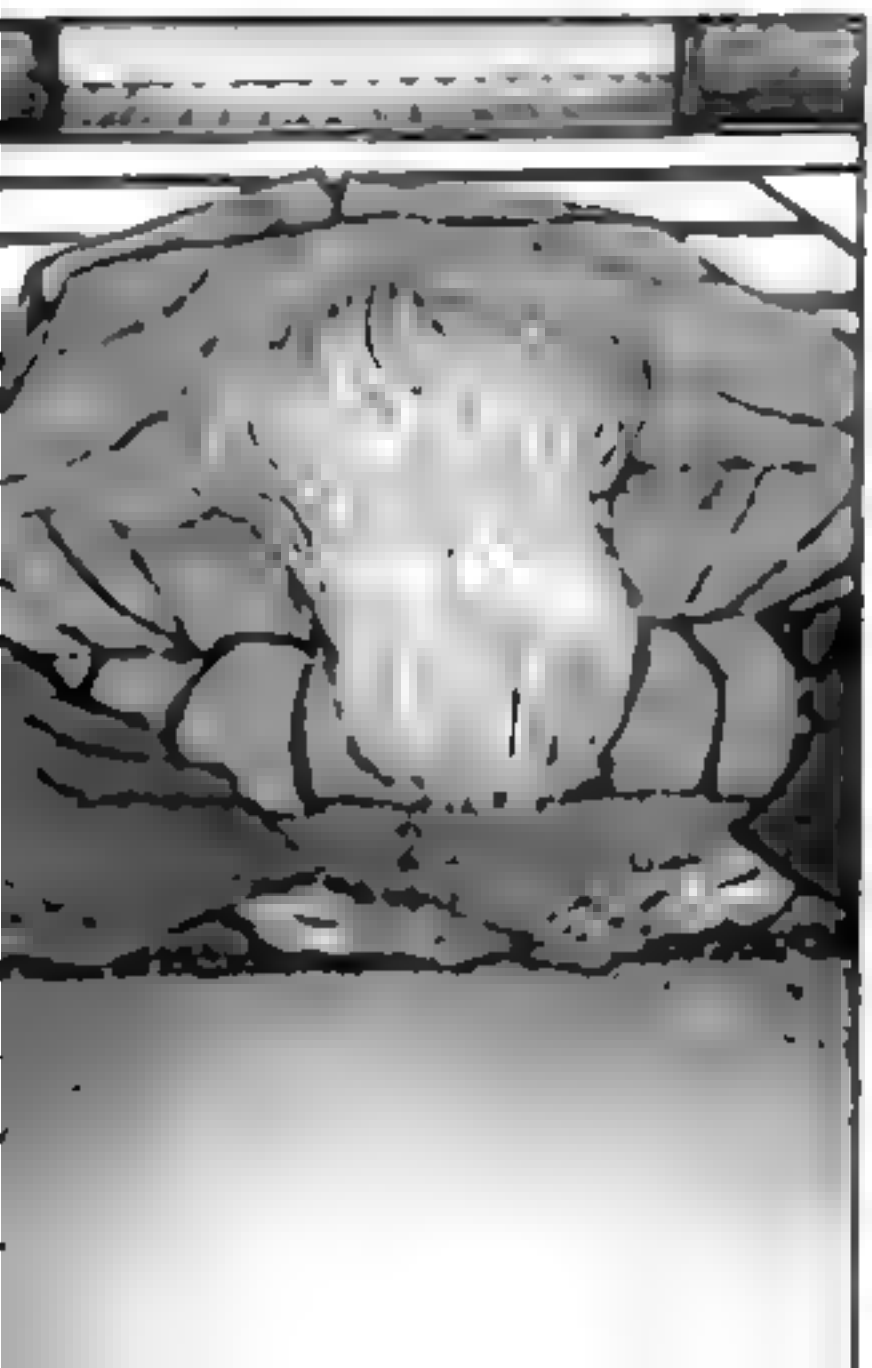

WAS TO
BAIKA
CLAN
TO FACE
THIS
BIWA













RAISE YOUR HEAD.

DO NOT TROUBLE YOURSELF.

KOGAN. WELCOME

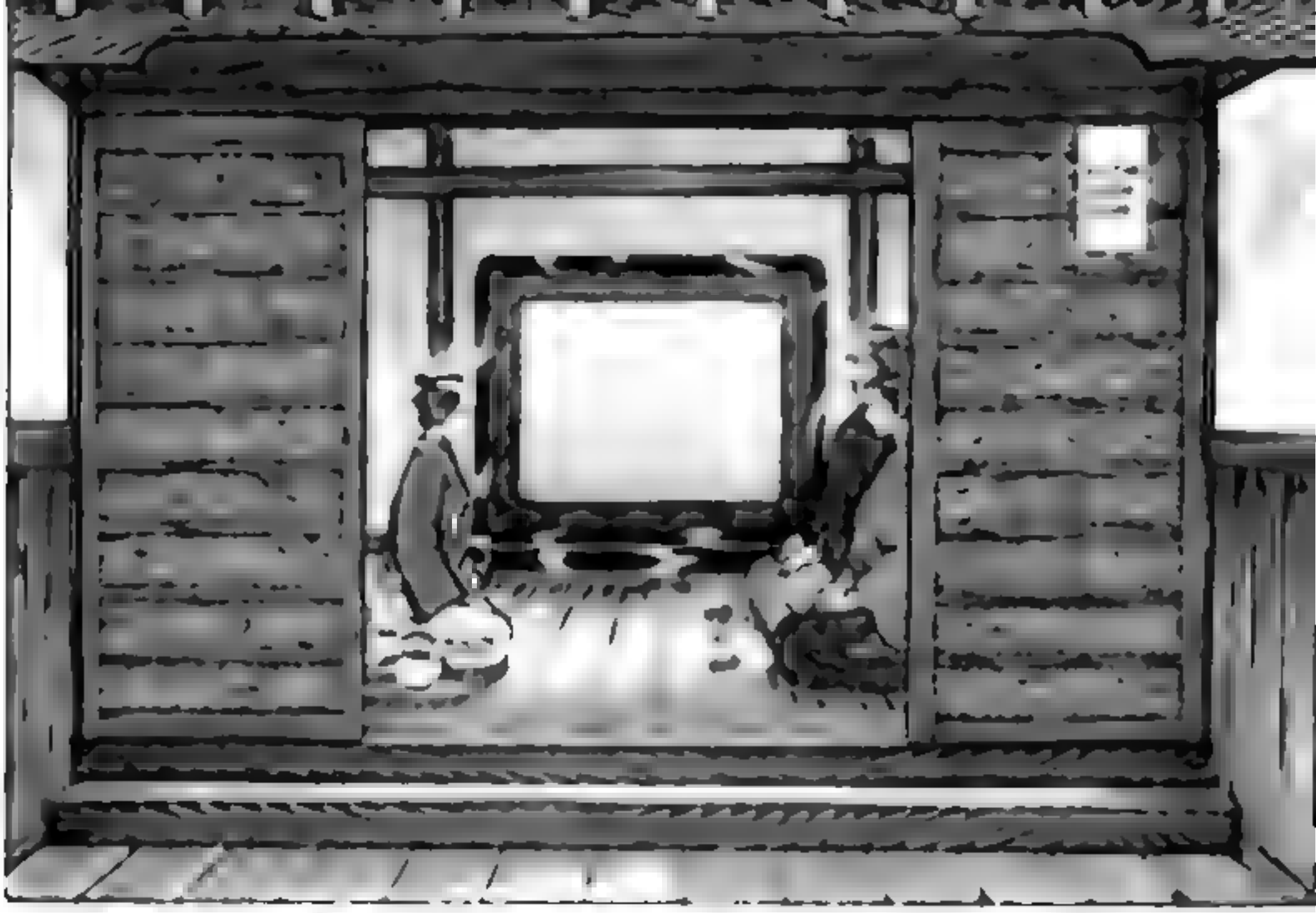
HEEH.

A METHOD THE SWORDSMAN ACKNOWLEDGED AS UNRIVALED HAD DEVELOPED TO DEAL WITH THOSE ABOVE HIS STATION

IT WAS SAID THAT

HAD BEEN LEFT UN ATTENDED WHEN HE WAS A BABY

AND CROWS HAD PECKED OUT HIS EYES





I THANK YOU FOR WORRYING ON MY BEHALF

KOGAN, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME YOU THOUGHT OF THE FUTURE?

I'VE HEARD THAT YOU HAVEN'T EVEN ENTERED THE CASTLE IN YEARS

ONLY THEN WILL OUR *TONO BE ABLE TO REST EASY

IF YOU MUST, DECIDE ON AN HEIR

*POLITE TITLE FOR A DAIMYO IN THIS CASE THE LORD OF KAKEKAWA CASTLE ASAKURA CHIE KONORAMI

MMM.

NEVER MIND, THEN I SHALL NOT SPEAK OF IT ANY MORE.

MY ...

MY DAUGHTER HAS FALLEN ILL SO AT THE MOMENT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT ...




THAT IS
I
CHECK
TO SEE


BECAUSE I WANTED THE SHREWD OPINION AND SHARP TIGER'S EYES OF A MASTER SWORDSMAN.
AND I INVITED YOU TODAY



I AM CALLED SEKIUN.

THE BOY WHO KNELT AT THE DOOR DID NOT EVEN HAVE EYEBROWS.

I WISH TO KNOW THE OPINION OF HE WHO IS KNOWN AS THE UNRIVALED MASTER

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF SEKIJUN'S SWORD?



THE SAMURAI WAS [illegible]

WE...? IS IT A WORTHY BLADE?

PERHAPS IT WOULD HAVE HAD AS DECORATION.

IT CANNOT CUT

DECORATION, YOU SAY

ARE TWO DISCIPLES LAUDED AS THE TWIN DRAGONS.

KOGAN.

I HAVE HEARD THAT UNDER YOUR CARE,

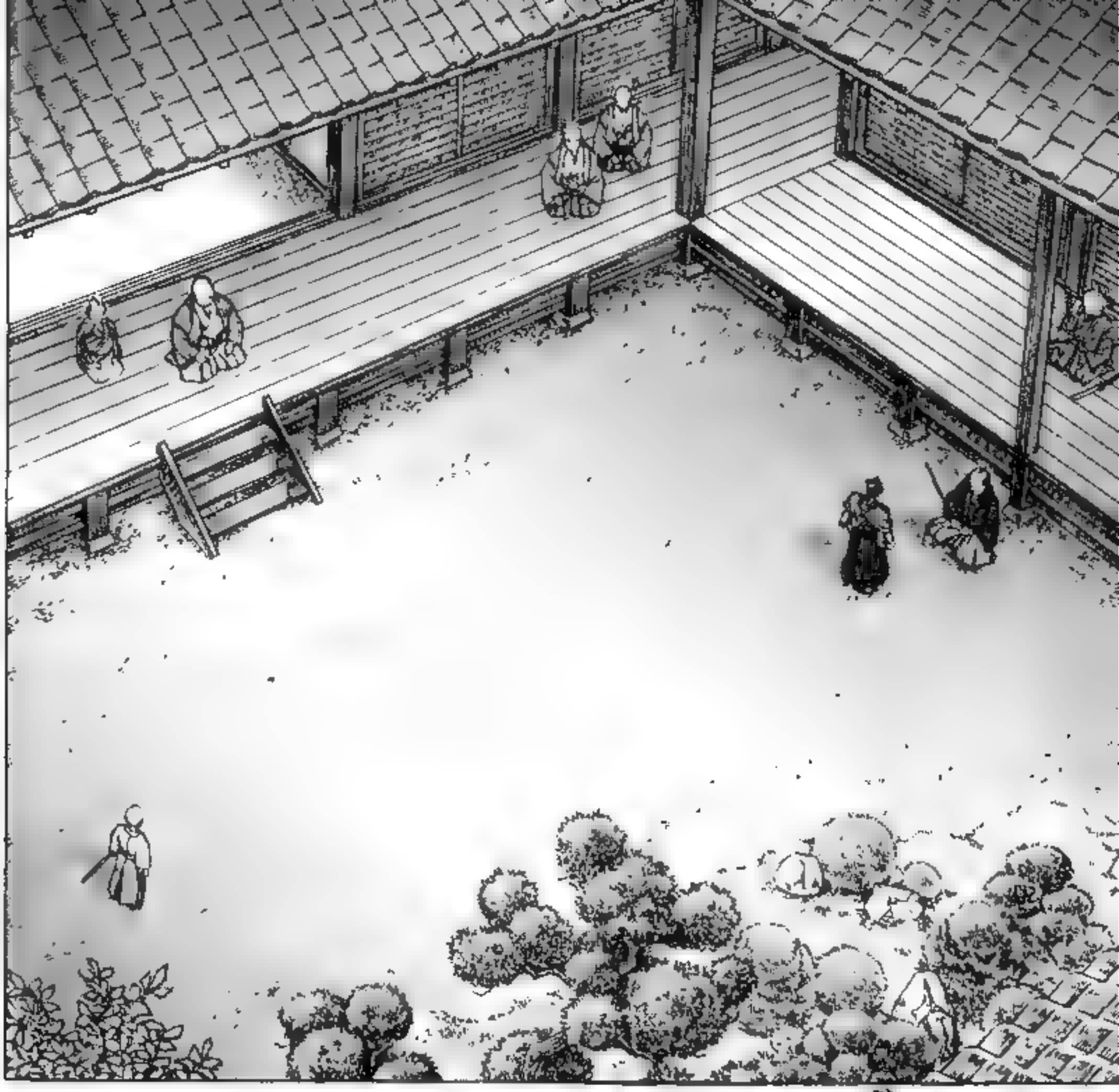
THE OTHER HAD LONG SINCE BEEN EXILED

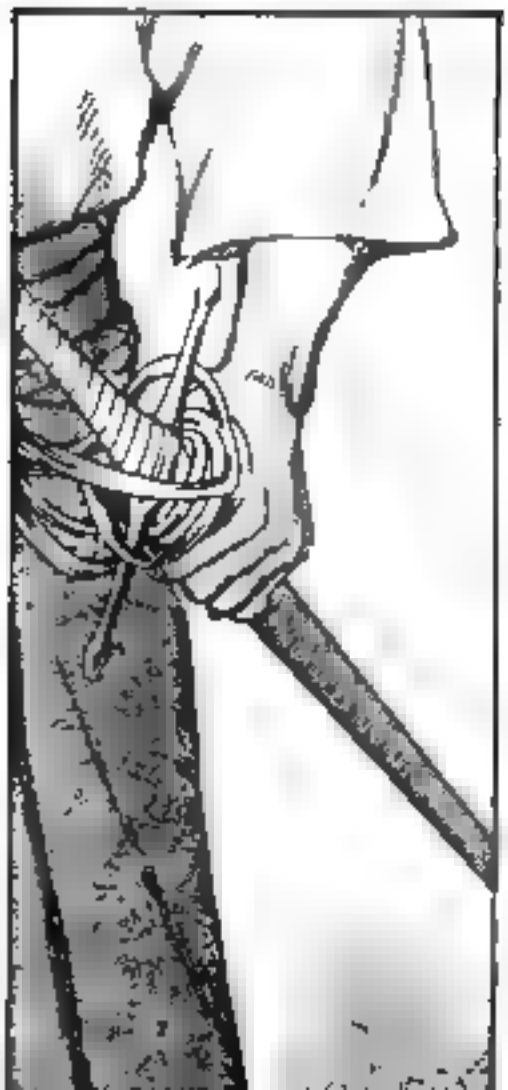
HIS NAME IS FUJIKI GENNOSUKE.

COULD TEACH MY SEKIUN A LESSON IN SWORDS-MANSHIP?

DO YOU THINK THIS GENNOSUKE OF YOURS,

SHOW HIM THE SKILLS OF A TRUE WARRIOR









JUST ENJOY YOUR-SELVES.

THIS IS PURELY FOR ENTER-TAINMENT.

SO BOTH OF YOU,

FUJIKI GENNOSUKE WILL WIELD A WOODEN SWORD,

AND SEKIUN, ONE MADE FOR DECORATION.

FUJIKI,

THIS SWORD IS SOUND.

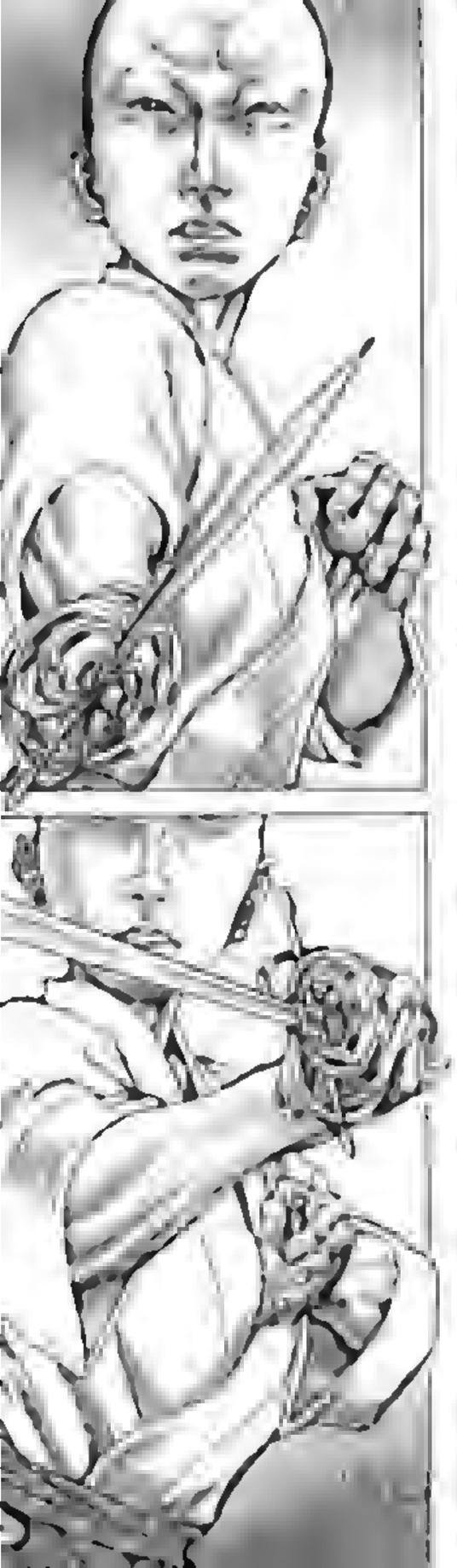
SE..
SENSEI

IF WE ARE ONLY ENJOYING OURSELVES

KOGAN. YOU WILL TAKE HIS STEAD?

STAND BACK.

SENSEI




THEN LET US BEGIN

THE SWORD ARM WAS TWISTED OUTWARDS RAISED TO MOUTH HEIGHT.

THE LEFT PALM FACED DOWNWARDS, JUST BELOW THE CHIN

I SHALL DEMON-STRATE ...

THE SWORD TECHNIQUES OF ESPAÑA.









HE CANNOT CUT ANYTHING,

IN A POSE LIKE THAT.

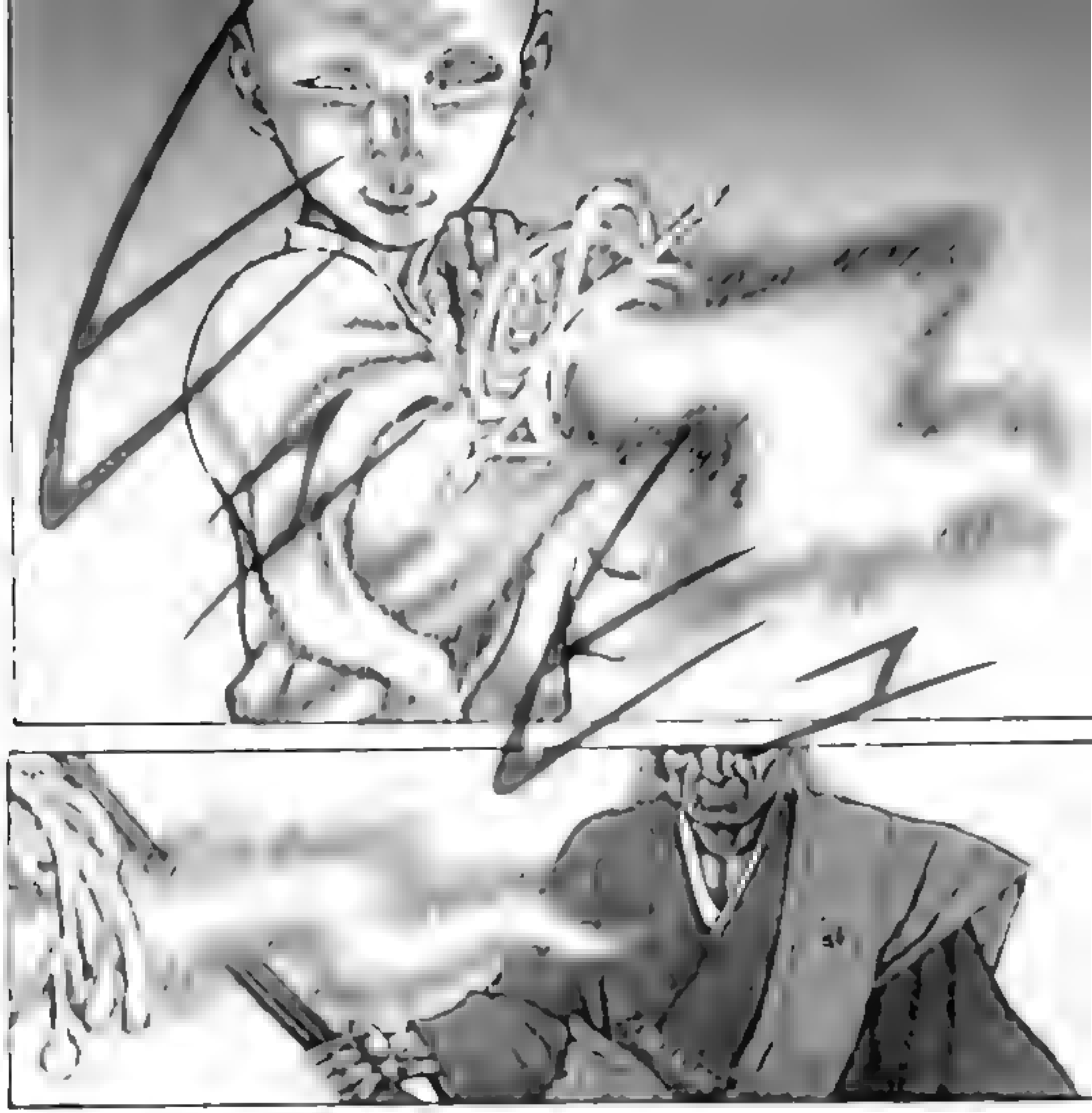
AT THE KENG-YOU'S SIDE.

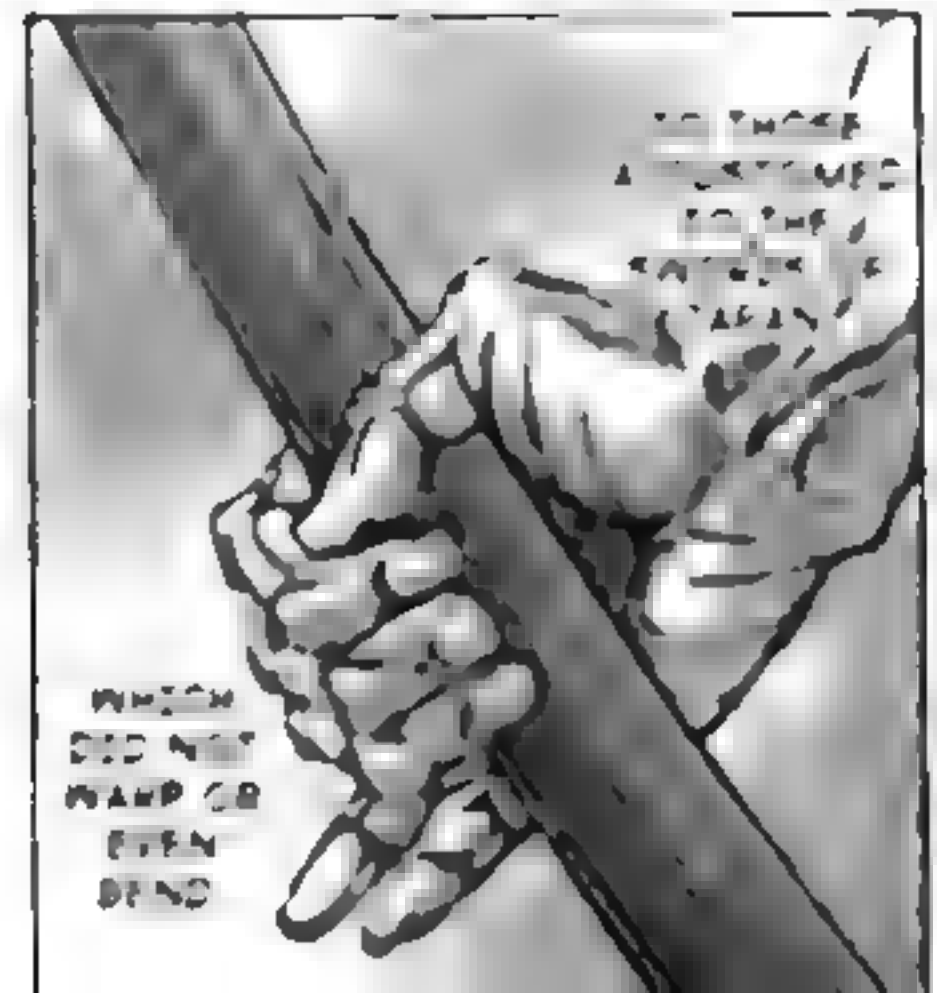
TOMOROKU INFORMED HIM OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING

IT WILL SURELY SNAP IN HALF IN THE FACE OF SENSEI'S WOODEN SWORD.

IS HE THINKING OF PARRYING?

FOOLISH... A SWORD THAT THIN COULD NEVER BLOCK ANYTHING.




WHICH
DID NOT
WARP OR
EVEN
BEND









IT WAS
NOT
MADE
TO
STAB



CHAPTER 3

TAUNTING



ITTOU-RYUU ONO TADAAKI,

AT THE END OF HIS LONG WAND-ERING,

THE ONLY MAN SEKIUN FOUND WHO WOULD BE HIS MASTER

PRESENTED HIM WITH A STRANGE SWORD.

THE BARBARIANS WHO LIVE IN THE SOUTH.

THIS IS THE SWORD OF THE SPANIARDS.

YOU MUST HOLD IT LIGHTLY, DELICATELY,

AND THRUST WITH IT, AS IF TOSSING A *HAGO.

*A DART MADE BY STICKING TWO OR THREE [illegible] INTO A BAMBOO TUBE OR A [illegible]

STUDY THE WAYS OF THIS SWORD.

SEKIJN.

IT WAS HIS

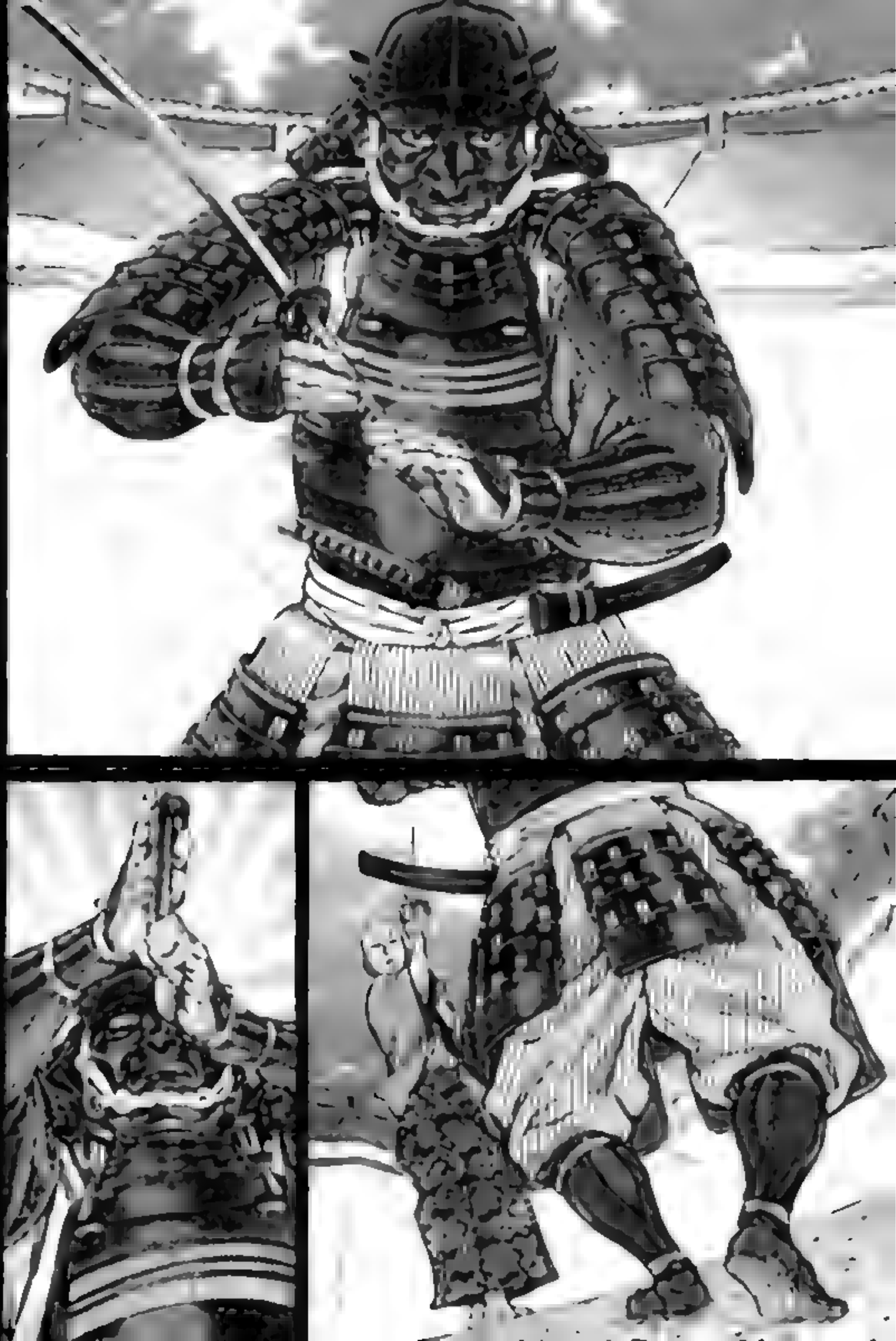
IF A MAN'S LORD ORDERED

SEKIUN

BLADE,

SAW

A SWORD FROM A DISTANT AND FOREIGN LAND, BENDING AND WAVING LIKE PAPER







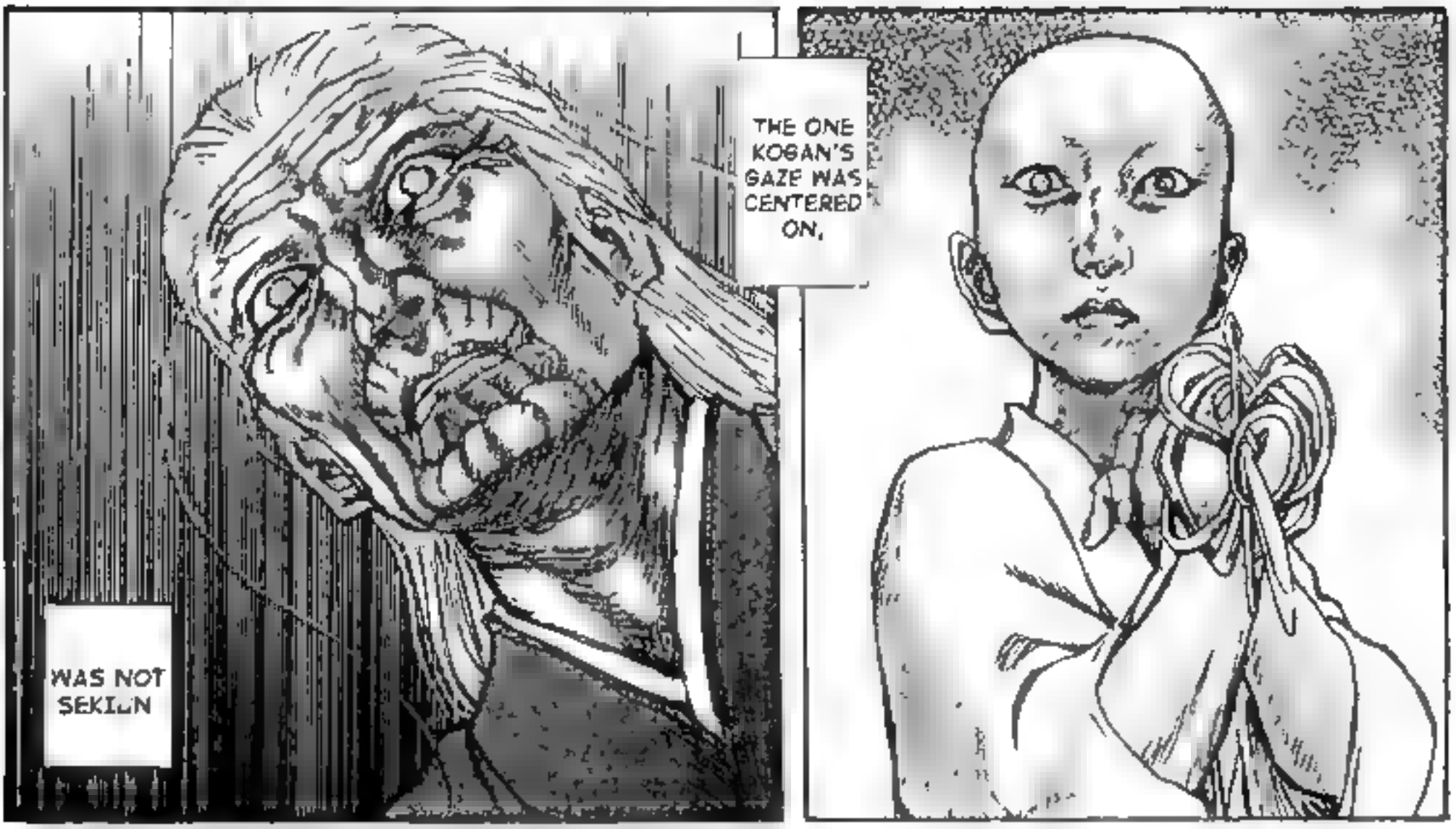
SKEWERED THE DIS-
CIPLES OF

THAT POWERFUL STYLE WAS NOW,



IT S
A..
OVER

THE JOES
BEGINNED
IT ALL


WAS NOT SEKIGN
THE ONE KOGAN'S GAZE WAS CENTERED ON,

SEIGEN

...

IRAKO.



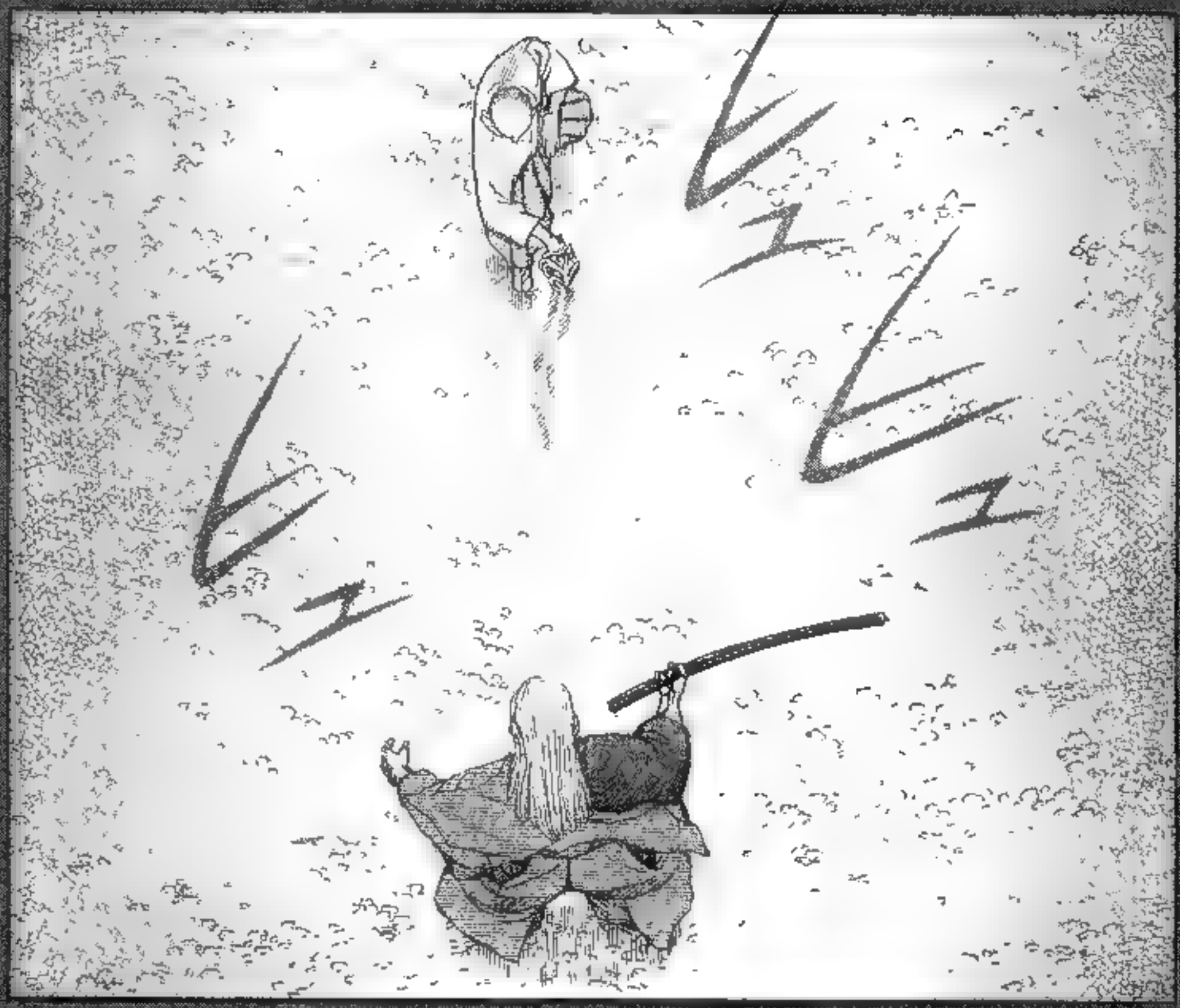

A MEDIC WARNED ME OF THE SWAMP'S GAS

I SENSE THAT YOUR OPPONENT THIS TIME IS A TIGER.

SEKIUN-DONO.

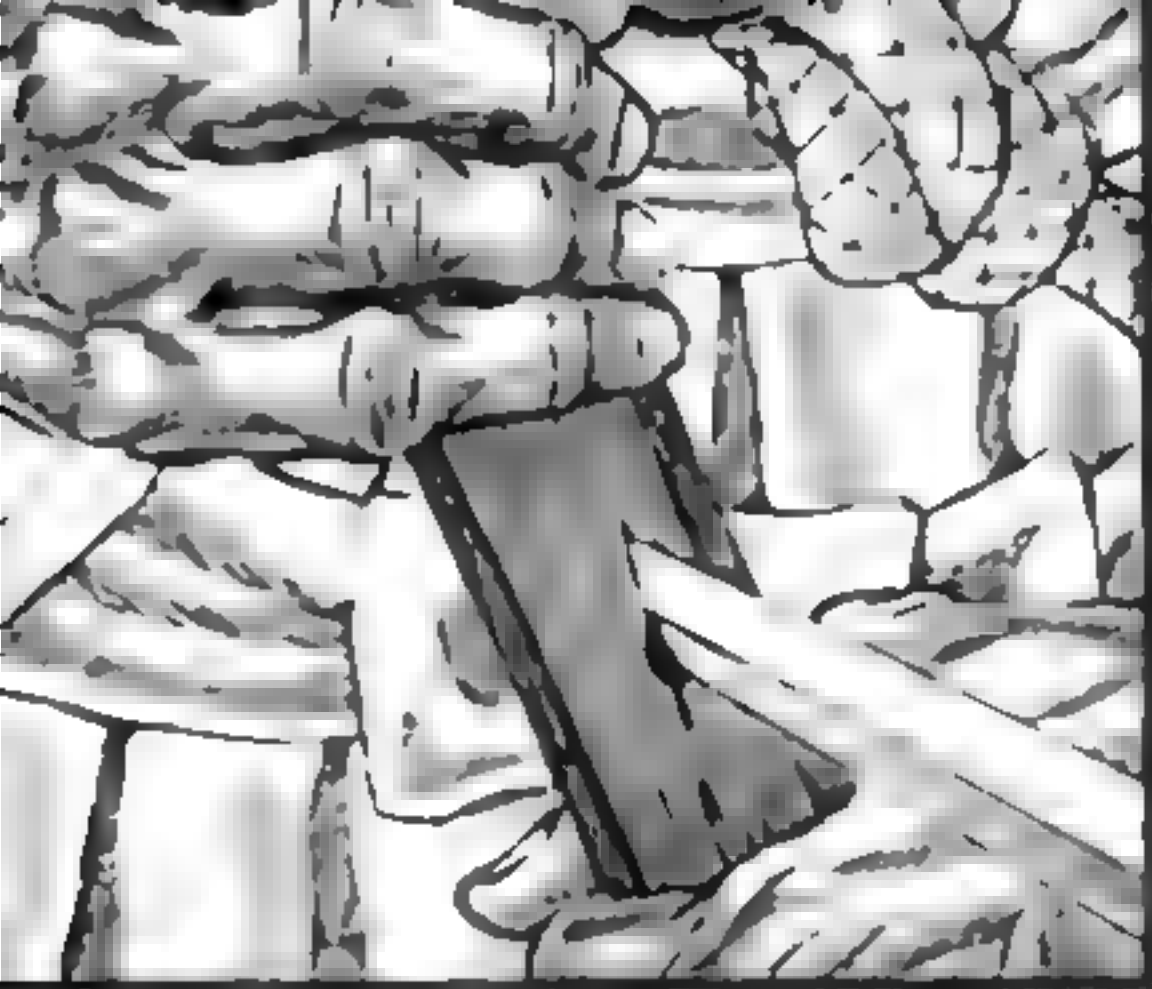




















SENSEI IS HESITATING,

BECAUSE HE KNOWS THAT HIS OPPONENT IS THE KENGYOU'S MAN.

IT'S DANGEROUS

AN OPPONENT THAT YOU CANNOT TAKE LIGHTLY.

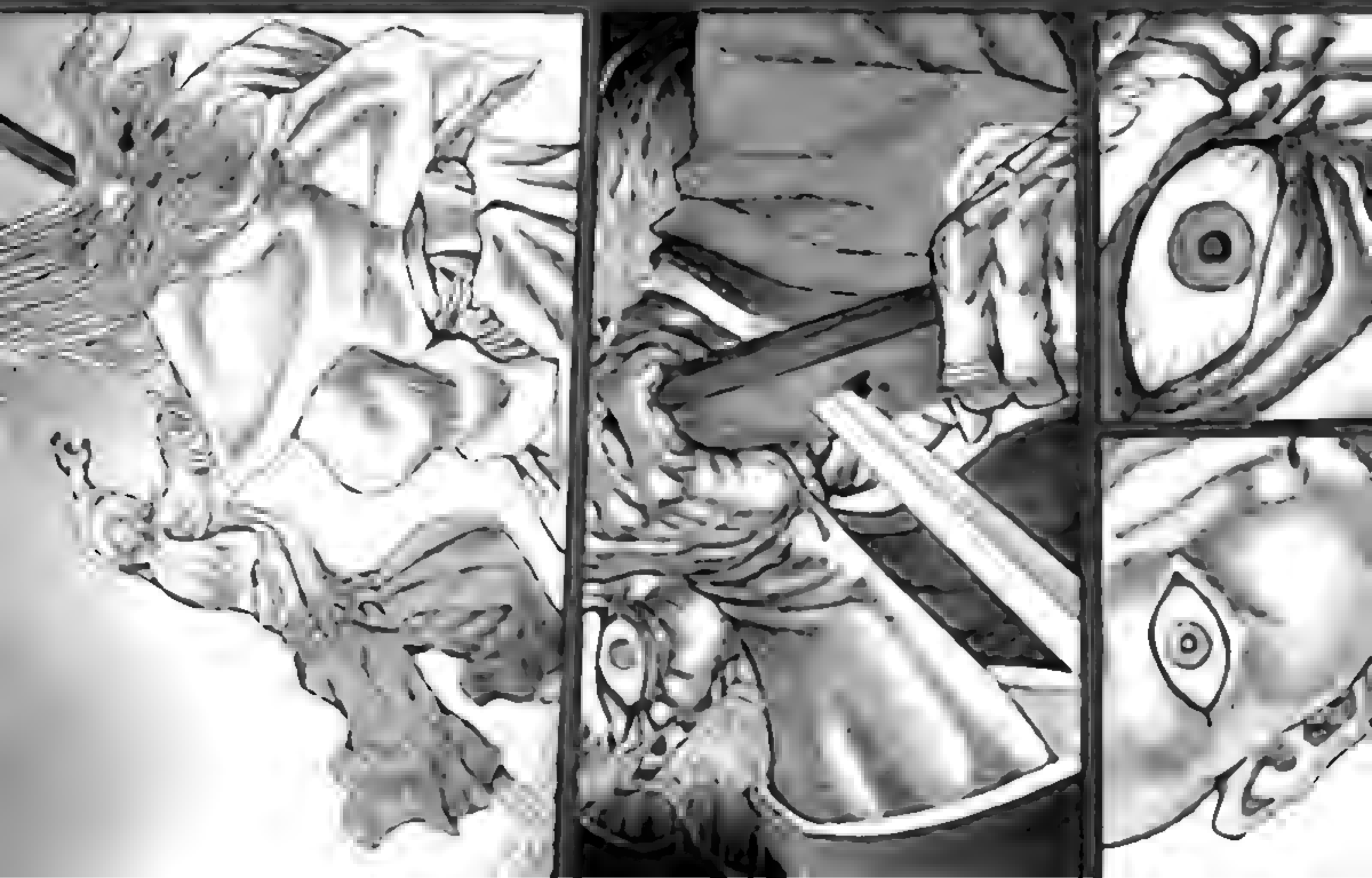
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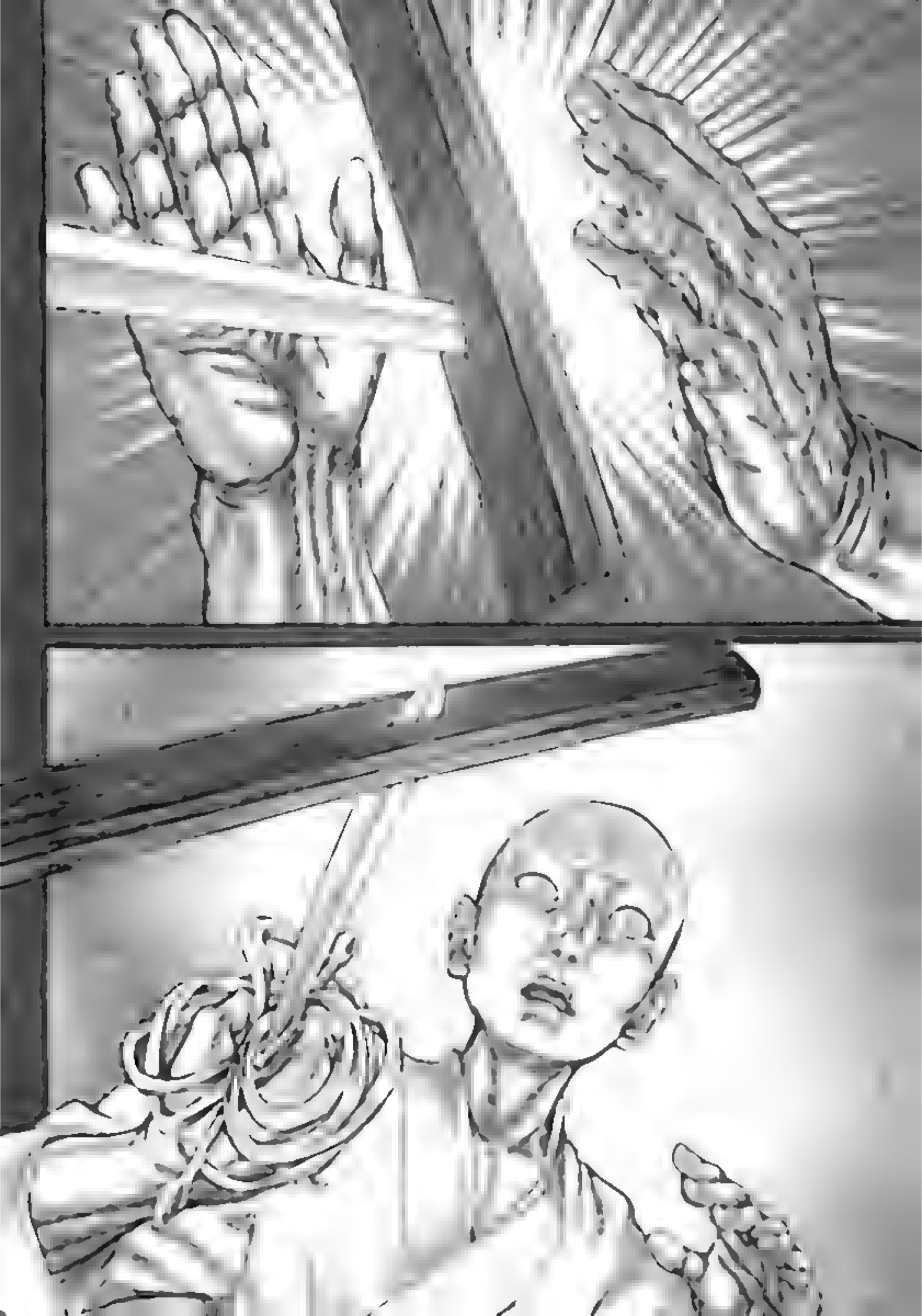

























I THOUGHT
I WOULD
GO FOR THE
VITAL POINTS
SINCE WE
ARE ONLY
ENJOYING
OURSELVES.

THOUGH SEKIUN'S CRANIUM,

WAS SWOLLEN TO NEARLY TWO TIMES ITS NORMAL SIZE

SEKIUN-DONO?



CHAPTER 25
BINDING AGREEMENT





TRANS-
FORMED



IT WAS THE MOMENT THAT THE TRUE NATURE OF SEKIUN

A MAN UNABLE TO UNDER-STAND THE MEANING OF LOY-ALTY WAS REVEALED







WAS A
INCREDIBLY
CURVED
BATTLE
CLAW

A HAND CANNON FROM THE



SEKIJIN THAT WRETCH

I GUESS THIS IS ALL MY OWN DOING. CURSING OTHERS & STRIVING TO BE AN ARTIFICIAL HUMAN WAS THAT

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D TRY TO TAKE OUT HIS RAGE AT LOSING TO YOU ON HIS MASTER

OF COURSE

NO SMILE GRACED HIS FACE

KOGAN, YOU DID WELL IN DEFEATING HIM.

THANK YOU.

THE WOMAN POURING LIQUOR FOR THE KENGYOU,

WAS NONE OTHER THAN SHE WHO HAD ONCE BEEN HIS OWN MISTRESS.

IKU...

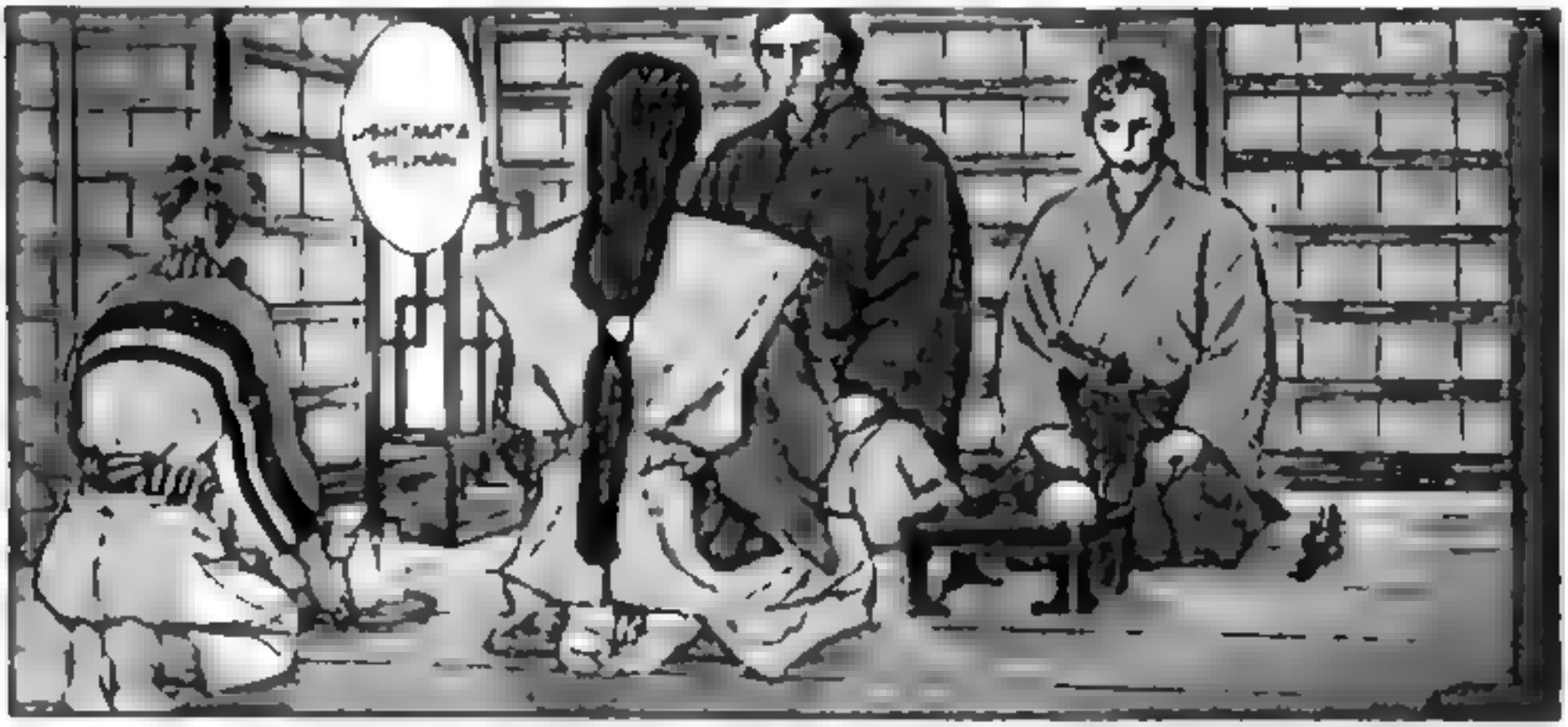
GENNOSUKE AND USHIMATA, OF A STATION NOT PERMITTED TO GAZE UPON THE KENGYOU'S FACE,

MY BROTHERS OF THE SWORD, IT HAS BEEN SUCH A LONG WHILE!

ANY COMMOTION YOU CAUSE WILL REFLECT UNFAVORABLY ON SENSEI












ALLOW ME TO POUR A GLASS FOR YOU.






MY EYES ARE NOT WHAT THEY USED TO BE
EXCUSE ME

YOU ARE MISTAKEN.

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SOUGHT TO USE BARBARIAN SWORDS-MANSHIP,

IN AN ATTEMPT ON SENSEI'S LIFE.

IRAKO.

THE OLD MAN SAVED HIM. HE PROBABLY THOUGHT THAT FUJIKI WAS IN DANGER.

SEKIUN WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO SLAUGHTER FUJIKI GENNOSUKE.

FUJIKI, CAN YOU STILL CALL YOURSELF HEIR TO KOGAN-RYUU, PROTECTED BY A WIZENED OLD MAN?

SHIZUHATA-SAMA SAID FOR THE FIGHTERS TO ENJOY THEMSELVES.

THAT'S NOT IT, IRAKO.

THAT IS WHY SENSEI ...

TOLD FUJIKI TO STAND BACK.

WHAT IS IT YOU WISH TO SAY.

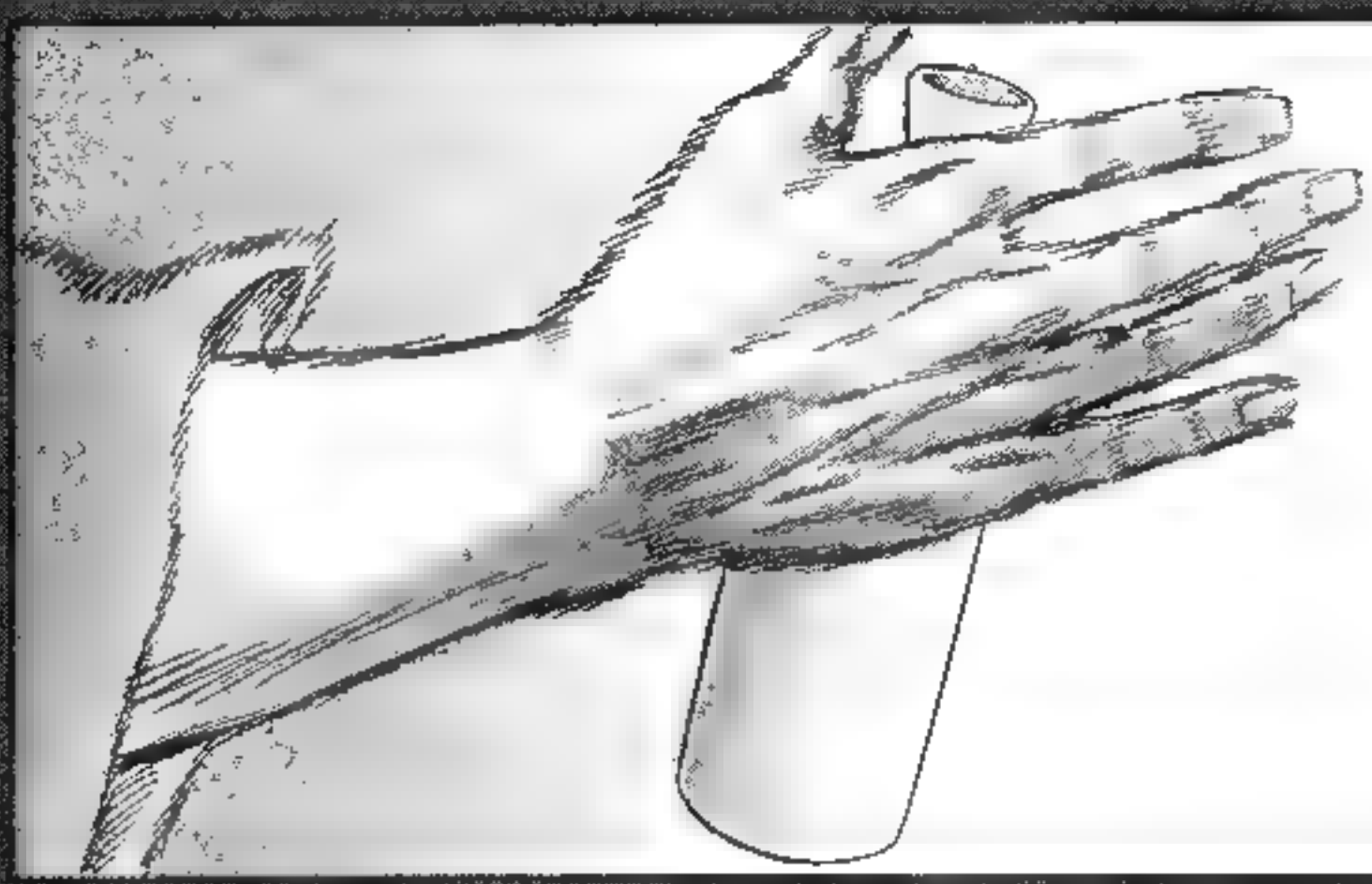
FUJIKI GENNOSUKE IS A MAN WHO NEVER PLAYS AROUND!

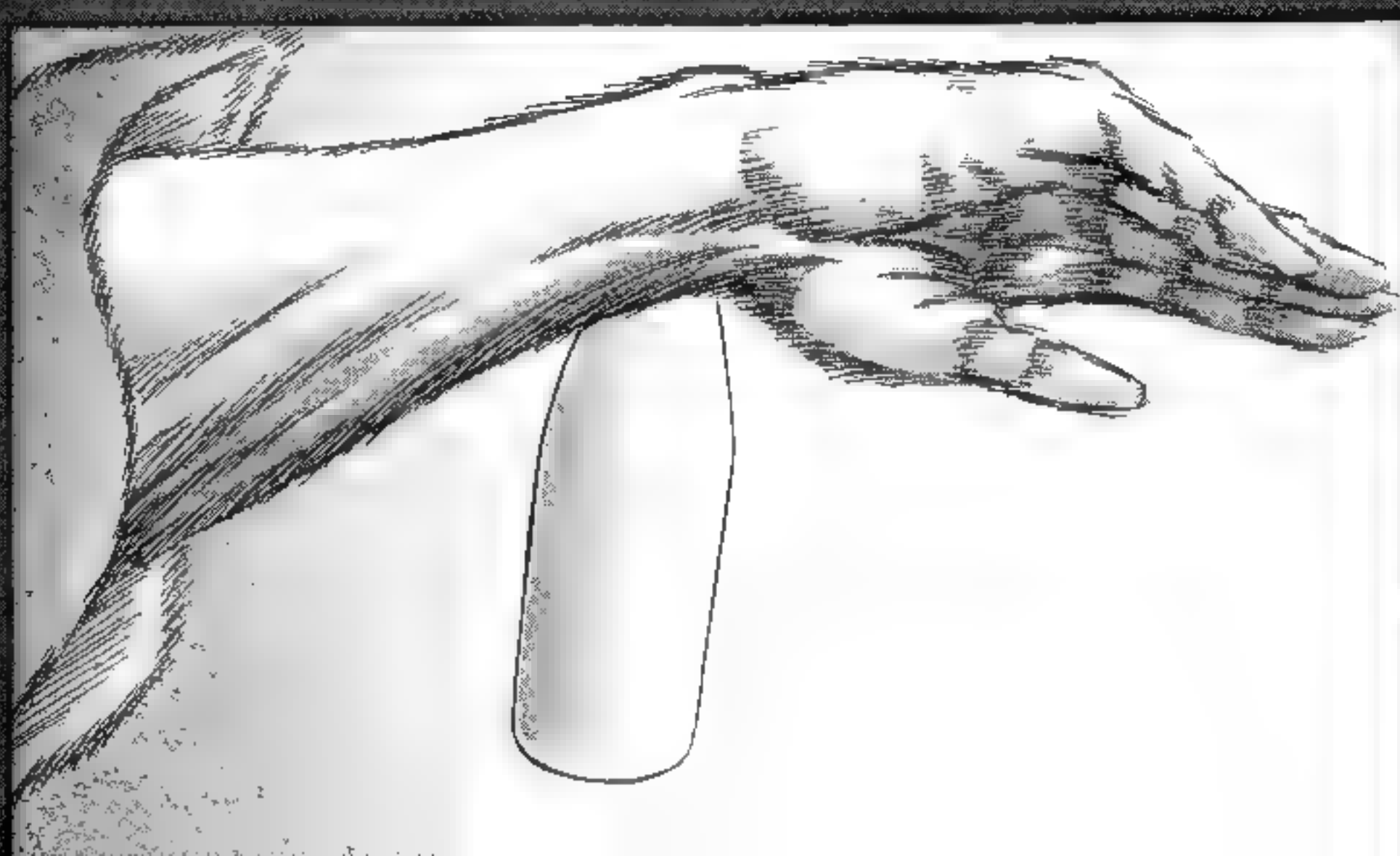


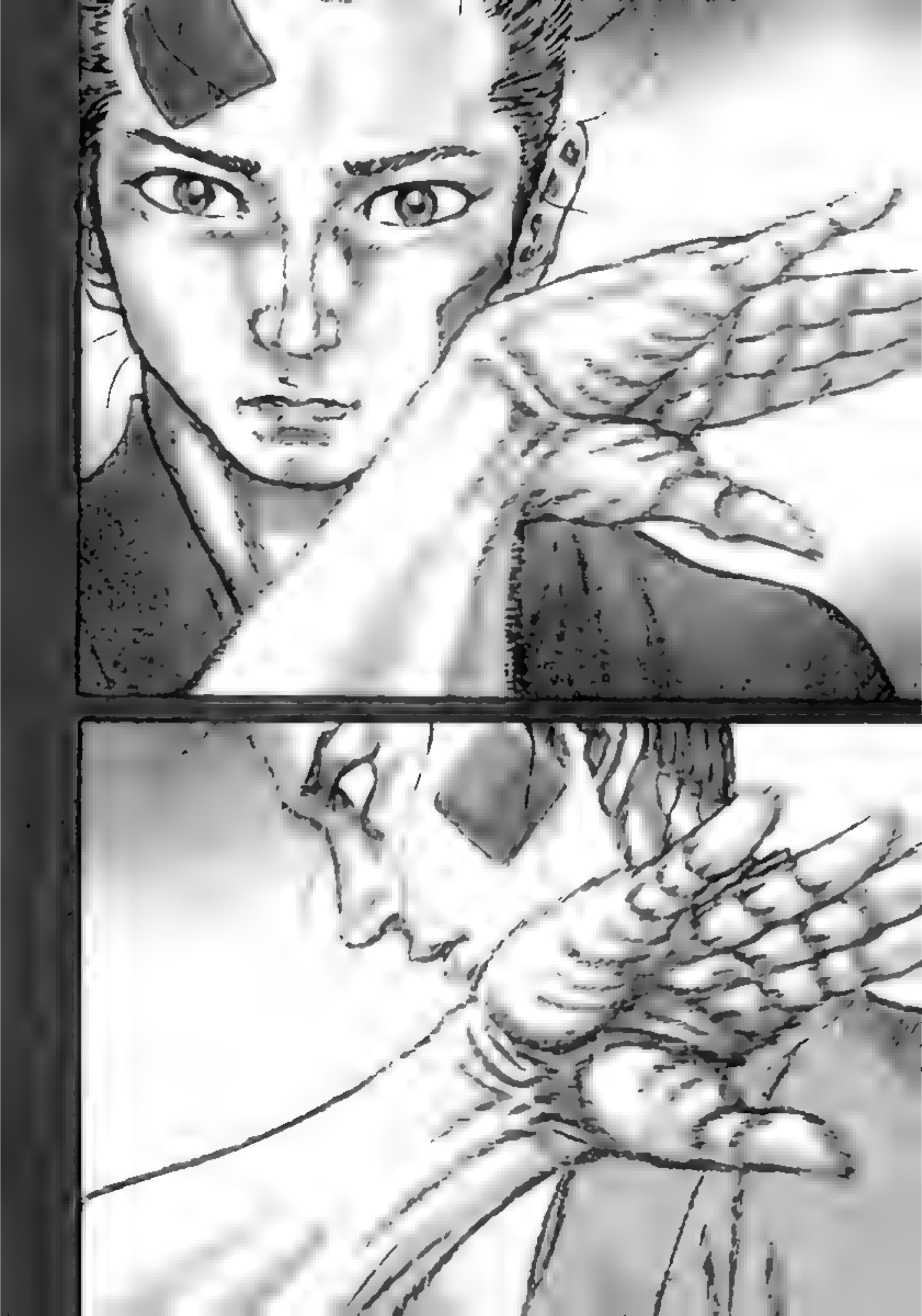






















WAS SUCH THAT EVEN THE EYES OF TOMOROKU COULD NOT SEE IT CLEARLY

AND MAKE MY EYES LIKE THIS!!

YOU CURS WHO BANDED TOGETHER TO SEAR A WOMAN'S BREAST

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN...

FUJIKO!

NIGHT HAD LONG SINCE FALLEN

WHEN KOBAN AND HIS TWO DISCIPLES RETURNED TO THE IWAMOTO ESTATE

THE OLD TIGER FELL ASLEEP, HUNCHED OVER LIKE A WILD ANIMAL

AFTER VENTING HIS TERRIBLE RAGE





SOMEONE HAD ENTERED THE ROOM WHILE HE WAS GONE AND LEFT A LETTER

THE SCENT OF THAT LETTER

WAS THE SAME THAT

ON THE DAY HE HAD FIRST MET SEIGEN

ON THE COMING NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON,

THERE WILL BE TWO SHADOWS

STANDING BEFORE AKIBA TEMPLE.

IRAKO SHIGEN

IT WAS AN INVIT-ATION TO A ONE ON ONE DUEL

CHAPTER 26

MOONLIGHT

SIX DAYS HAD PASSE SINCE THE DUEL AT THE [illegible] ESTATE.

MUTSUHIRO

SEVENTEEN MILES AWAY FROM KAKEGAWA






YOU CAN-
NOT...
FORCE
THIS!









AND THE DOU JOU'S MASTER SUDOL SHUME PRESENTED HIM WITH A MODEST SUM A TOKEN OF GRATITUDE FOR TEACHING THE

STUDENTS

REPEATING

ARRIVALED, FROM MUSOU

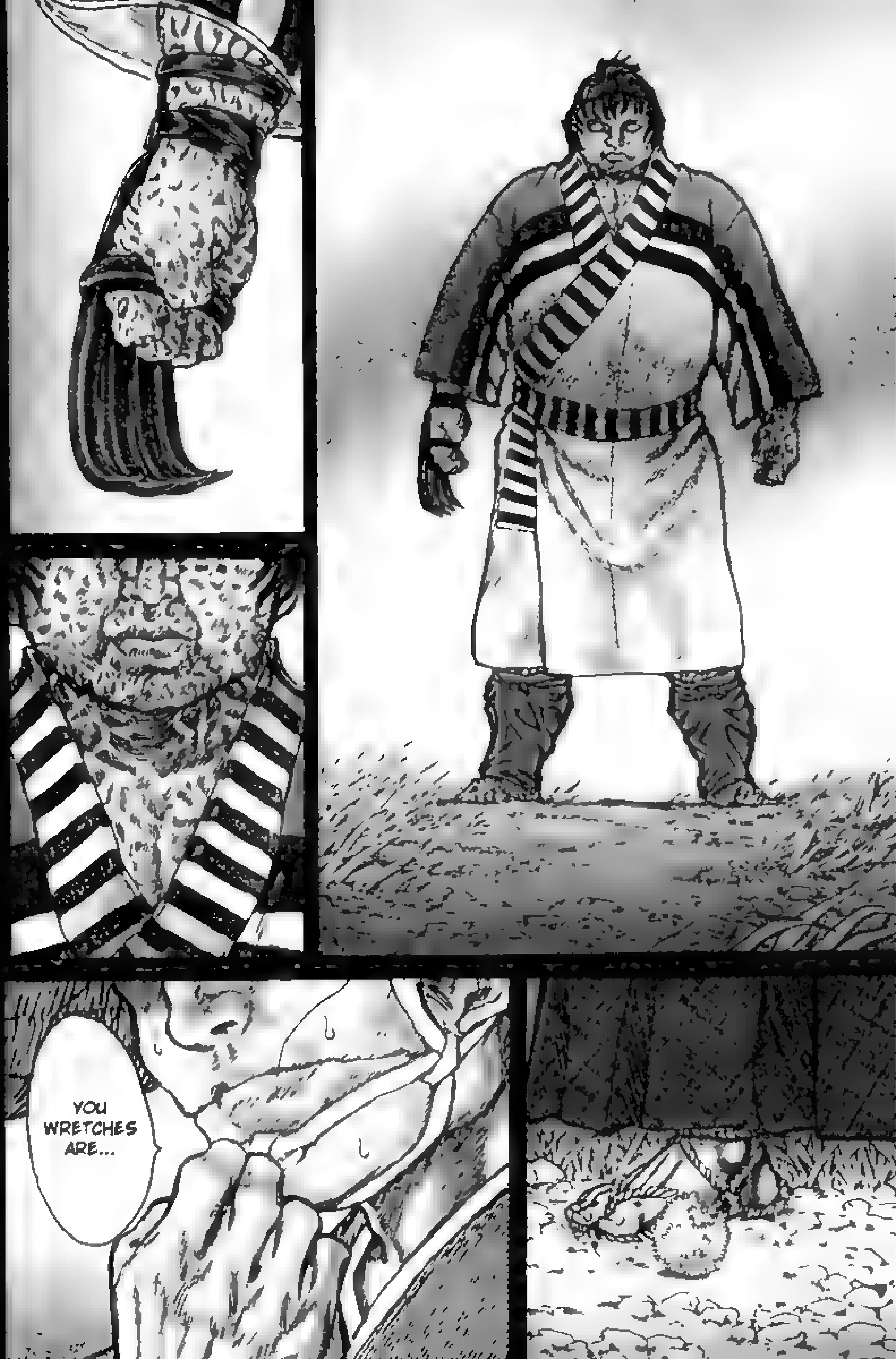
THE TIGER'S

THE TERM, UNRIVALED

THIS YEAR, GONZAEMON WENT ALONE

AND THREE LICENSED MASTERS, FORMER STUDENTS

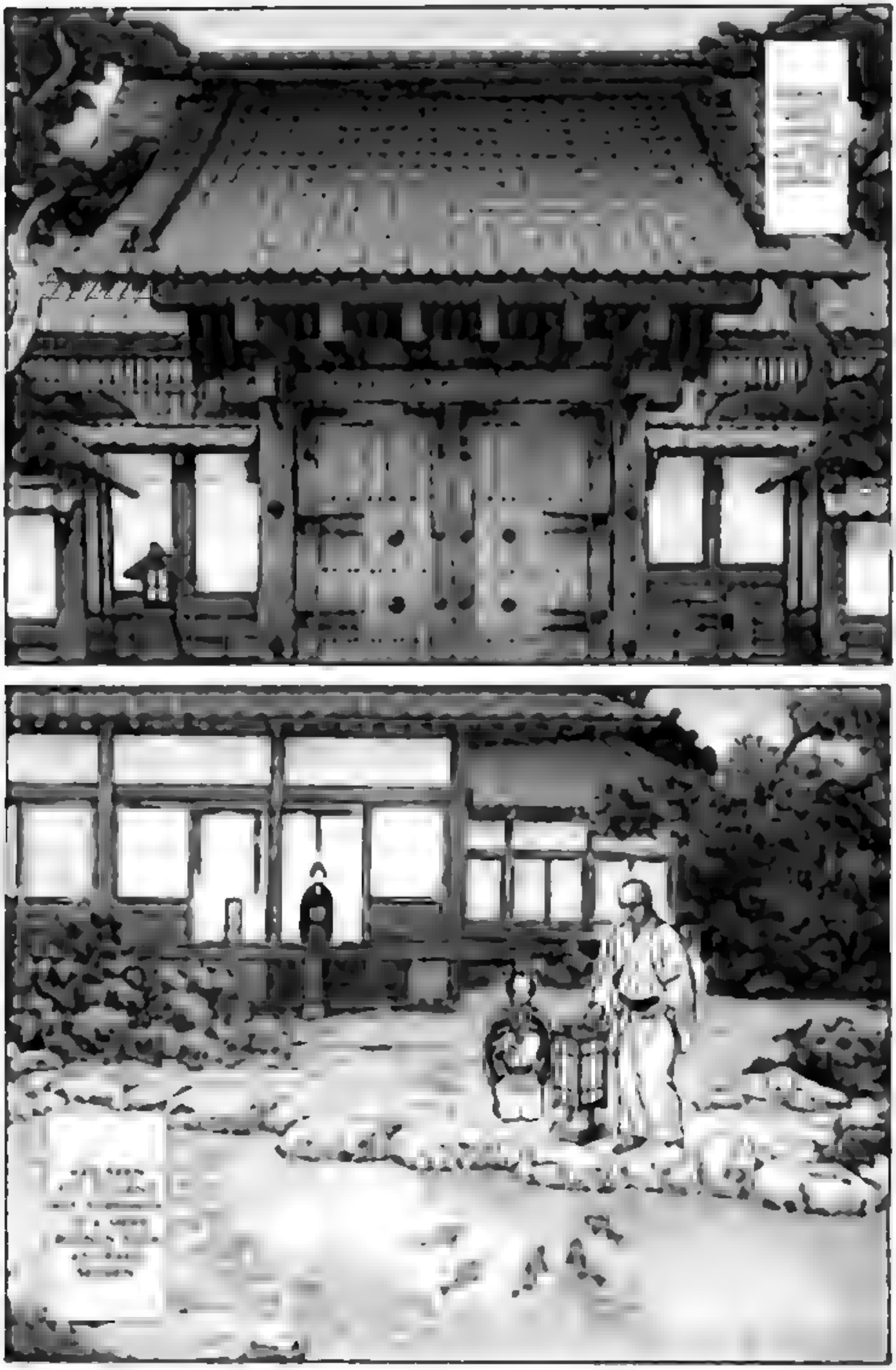
THE NOLBI DOLJOL


YOU WRETCHES ARE...






HIRED MEN SKILLED IN THE MARTIAL ARTS
THE MAJORITY OF KENGYOU, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR ASSETS,



IN THE MAD MAN'S ARMS

IF HE WERE TO BECOME THE TARGET OF MULTIPLE ENEMIES IN AN OPEN AREA,

YOU WERE SENT BY IRAKO SEI...

THESE DARTS, THROWN IN A STRAIGHT LINE,

COULD ONLY BE SEEN BY THE TARGET AS A TINY APPROACH-ING POINT, IMPOSS-IBLE TO PARRY WITH ASWORD.



WAS THE FACT THAT THEY HAD NOT ANTICIPATED THE EXISTENCE OF THE SHIELD

GONZAFAMON WAS ABOUT TO ENGAGE IN THAT DAY



MOST DANGEROUS WEAPON,

WAS NOT THE BATTLE CLAW ATTACHED TO HIS RIGHT HAND

WAS SUFFICIENTLY POWERFUL AND ACCURATE THAT IT COULD PIERCE A SWIMMING COD'S EYE

PROPELLED BY THE TERRIFYING FORCE OF HIS STOMACH,





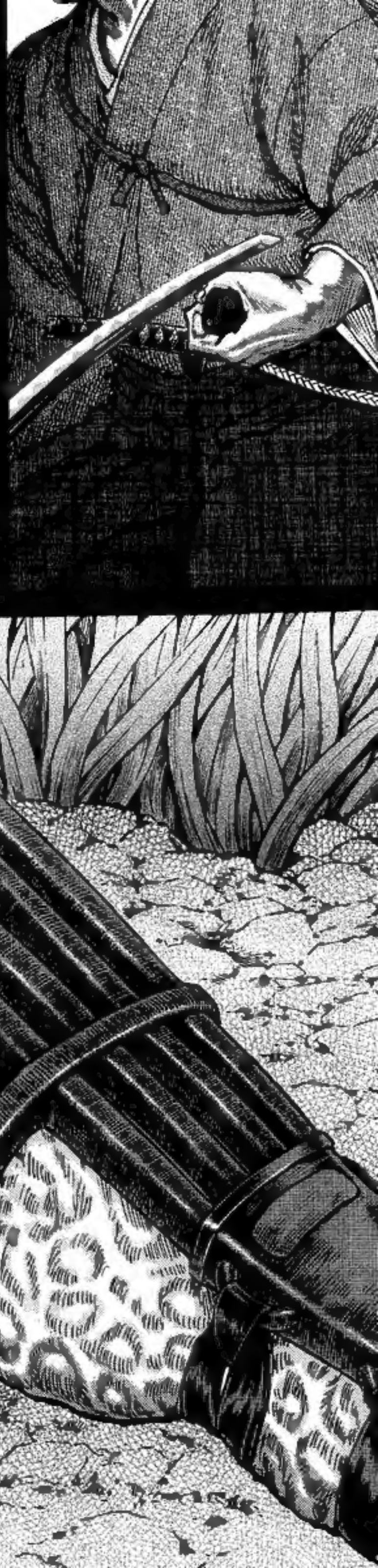




KOGAN-RYUU, HOSHI NAGARE.







SEMIMARU'S DECAPITATED CORPSE DROVE ITS CLAW INTO GONZA'S LEG.

PERHAPS IT WAS THE WILL OF IRAKO SEIGEN.

IT'S POISON!

IT WAS ON THIS NIGHT,

THAT KOGAN-RYUU LOST THE TITLE OF UNRIVALED.

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